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JEANES FUND BOARD IN SESSION

Dr. Booker T. Washington and Others in Attendance—Commercial Council Holds Interesting Meeting—General News.

Thompson's National News Bureau.
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—The President's message to Congress is very favorably commented upon by the colored press. Whatever of disappointment that may be felt in some quarters by reason of the omission of reference to lynching, disfranchisement and civil discriminations is counterbalanced by the optimistic view of American conditions generally, the strong, statesmanlike presentation of the problems that affect all citizens, and the generous stand taken with regard to three matters of vital importance to the Negro people of the world, namely, the Liberian situation, concerning which he promises to speak in detail after the report of the Liberian Commission is made public; the recommendation that a commission of seven be appointed to devise a plan for holding a semi-centennial exposition demonstrative of the Negro's fifty years of freedom, and expression of approval of the objects and aims of such an exposition, and the recommendation that the depositors of the ill-fated Freedmen's Bank be reimbursed to the extent of the money available for that purpose—about 38 per cent. Touching the subject of the Negro's rights as citizens, it is remembered that in his inaugural address the President took the impregnable ground that he would guarantee to every citizen the same fair treatment accorded to every other citizen, regardless of color, race or previous condition, etc., and it is further remembered that his firm and uncompromising attitude in opposition to the disfranchising amendment in Maryland was largely instrumental in bringing about the overwhelming defeat of that measure. An exhaustive discussion of these questions at this time would have been but a repetition of what he had said before, and, desiring to make the message as brief as possible, many topics of pith and moment had to be omitted. There is room to believe that the issues peculiarly affecting the colored race may be given attention in one of the later special messages which the chief executive has promised to send in to the Congress from time to time, as the occasion may demand.

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The board in charge of the $1,000,000 Jeanes Fund is in session here this week. The meetings are being held at the White House, upon the invitation of President Taft, who is a member of the board. Business of much importance is being transacted and reports of the current year are being gone over carefully, with a view of extending the benefits of the fund wherever it seems expedient to do so. Some of the well-known colored members of the board in consultation are Dr. Booker T. Washington, Bishop Abram Grant, Mr. J. C. Napier and Major R. R. Moton.

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Mr. Emmett J. Scott, private secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington and member of the Liberian Commission, is in the city this week, called here hurriedly to take up some special matters with the State Department, preliminary to the issuance of the report of the commission. He is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis. It is understood that Mr. Scott is shortly to be invested with the insignia of the Order of African Redemption.

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The second meeting of the Washington Commercial Council was not less interesting than the first, and perfect harmony on the essential poinnts prevailed. Additional members were admitted and a strong constitution for the guidance of the body was adopted. It is significant of the earnestness and live character of the Council that it is the first body of Washingtonians to indorse the 1913 demonstrative exposition and to ally itself with Dr. Washington in the work planned along this line. It is the first body of Washingtonians to name a Negro for one of the vacant District commissionerships, the first to officially recognize the value of the National Negro Press Association, and took simultaneous action with the Citizens' Committee to assist in entertaining the convention of the National Medical Association, which comes here next August. The Council, believing that the way to command the respect of other races is to exhibit faith in the worth and ability of ourselves, unanimously indorsed Dr. James R. Wilder for District Commissioner. A memorial, setting forth his high character, exceptional business capacity and experience, commercial standing and other qualifications for the office, has been submitted to President Taft. Dr. Wilder is a leading practitioner of medicine here, and is the president of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, which is doing an excellent work in stamping out the "white plague." He is a heavy taxpayer and one of the District's most substantial citizens in every way. The Council voted its thanks to President Taft for his timely references to the Liberian situation, the 1913 exposition and the Freedmen's Bank reimbursement. Architect J. A. Lankford, the president of the Council, is an energetic leader, and is building up an organization of public-spirited business men which will make itself felt more and more potently for the civic betterment of the race.

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Bishop Abraham Grant, D. D., Bishop of the Fifth Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church, a great churchman and a great leader—one of nature's noblemen—is in the city, attending the meeting of the Jeanes Fund Board and looking into mattters of vast import to the church and race. He preached a stirring sermon on Sunday morning at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, to an audience that packed the immense structure. Together with Register W. T. Vernon and Dr. John F. Hurst, the Bishop paid his respects to President Taft at the White House last Saturday, and was most cordially received.

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Bishop J. W. Simth, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, held conference in Norfolk, Va., last week.

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Dr. J. E. Moorland, international secretary, and Mr. Lewis E. Johnson, local secretary of the Y. M. C. A., have returned from the national convention of the association at Louisville, and report a highly profitable session. They are loud in their praise of Kentucky's open-handed hospitality.

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Major J. B. Ramsey, commandant of cadets at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, spent a few days of last week in the city, the guest of Mr. T. J. Calloway, of 1341 T street, N. W. The Major had been on a visit to the United States Military Academy at West Point to study points in military science and discipline. The information gleaned from this, the highest authority in the land, will prove of great value to the sturdy boys at Tuskegee. Major Ramsey is a thorough student of human nature, and has a knack of getting the best results out of men and boys, no matter how unpromising they may seem at first. Under his skillful management the students at Tuskegee have been brought up to a high state of efficiency in military tactics, and through the mastery of this science have imbibed a deeper sense of moral responsibility, order, system and obedience, which is manifested in all of their activities in school and out. Major Ramsey is always a welcome visitor in Washington, where he has a host of friends.

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The Mu-So-Lit Club had an unusually interesting session Friday night. The principal speaker was Hon. Ralph W. Tyler, Auditor for the Navy Department. His subject was "Which?" dealing in a well-balanced fashion with the problem of the relative value to society of the man who labors with his hands and the man who labors with his head. If asked which were most needed in the scheme of human development, his answer would be "Both." Mr. Tyler is a master of scientific statement, and in working out this unique subject, he proved himself to be a reasoner of the highest quality and an analyst of deep perception. Mr. Emmett J. Scott, of Tuskegee Institute, and Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University, by a queer coincidence, took part in the vigorous discussion that followed, and both sustained themselves admirably in support of the opposing educational philosophies suggested by the principal speaker, each believing to a certain extent in the efficacy of both. Choice music was furnished by Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, baritone, and Messrs. Felix F. Weir and Walter Jeter, who played a violin duet. At the next meeting of the Mu-So-Lit the annual election of officers takes place and some exciting times are expected.

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In a card to the Washington Post Dr. Booker T. Washington calls attention to the joy that a Christmas card, a book or other remembrance will bring to the poor boys and girls in the South, who may get nothing to remind them of the Christmastide unless the thoughtful people elsewhere send them some token of this kind. He says: "I shall be glad to distribute, as in other years, whatever friends may send to me at the Tuskegee Institute, Alabama." See if you cannot keep the clerks at Tuskegee busy carrying out their self-elected and splendidly conceived task. You won't miss the little present you send and it will bring sunshine to hearts that know darkness more familiarly than light.

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The Brownsville Court of Inquiry is in daily session. Direct testimony will begin in a few days, and the cases of the soldiers will be disposed of as rapidly as circumstances will permit. Attorneys N. B. Marshall and Gilchrist Stewart are acting as counsel for most of the accused men.

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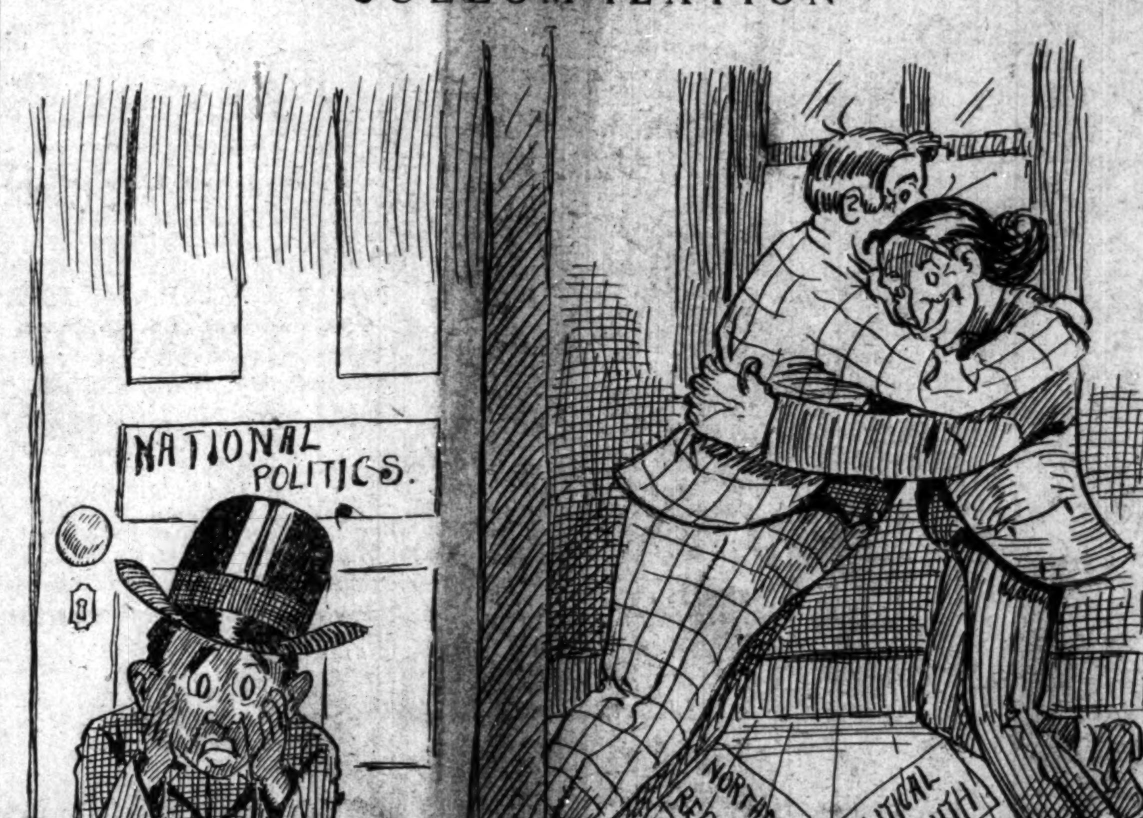

Would be the next condition of the race if Senator Cullom's vision comes to pass.

A MOST SENSATIONAL PLAY, "THE NIGGER."

By Uncle Rad Kees.

After reading the many adverse criticisms of a few of the so-called Negro leaders, as well as scrutinizing the usual prejudicial objections of our white critics, I felt myself in duty bound to hike it to this playside inn and take a birdseye view of all this noise. So I did, and at the New Theater, at Sixty-second street and Eighth avenue, I found the sensational play billed, "The Nigger." I say sensational for various reasons, among the many being the one that the mere heralding of the word or the race to any degree of actual defense has always been the most perpetula sensation the American civilization has ever known. Because of that peculiar prejudice that is still rampant, indirectly, the "nigger" has been the cause of many of our great men. Lincoln made himself immortal by the stand he took for the Negro; Henry Lloyd Garrison, John Brown, Ben Tillman, Joseph B. Foraker and many others have plunged in the pool of popularity merely because of their peculiar issue for or against the Negro. And I sincerely believe that this play might well be accepted as a companion to and a worthy delineator of the higher morals of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"—the one dealing with the conditions during slavery, the other with that of the present day; and it is too bad indeed that whenever we find an ambitious, broad-minded author, with brain and nerve enough to produce a play dealing with facts, particularly favoring the "nigger," that you will also find the white critics en masse to crush him.

In speaking of Mr. Sheldon, the author of the play, one writer says: "What he lacks is experience." With this I differ very much indeed, and must say that Mr. Sheldon has shown a world of experience in his dealing with the association of the Southern white man with colored women, and showing a condition of fact still unknown or yet acknowledged by the Northern whites. Again, this same writer says: "Whether this problem is of direct interest to the North may be doubted. So far as the play itself is concerned, it loses directness after the second act"—whatever that means. Still, I might explain to you who have not yet seen the play that in the first two acts the "nigger" is chased by hounds and a howling drunken mob of lynchers, who shoot up the town, kill and otherwise make life worth most anything to them but the living.

If such conditions as these are not of direct interest to the North, as well as to any other civilized community, what could be more? This writer possibly meant, when he referred to the author's inexperience, that he would have shown himself thoroughly experienced had he written the play so that a "nigger" could have been lynched in every act, his only regret being that eventually the time might come when there wouldn't be enough "niggers" to supply the lynching. Then can you see this writer swelling up so "big" with gratification and satisfaction that no one else could get in nthe theater. What would a play like this, or any other of high morals, carrying an effective theme of actualities, do in the South? None of our best plays have ever ventured there—and those of second class that have always die the death of a dog.

Who is going to spend the time and money to write a play to suit the South? And if one did, would it not be criticised by the North? Why shouldn't it be, when we all know just the kind it would have to be. I've never heard of a show running six months anywhere in the South, not even "The Clansman." Why is this? Simply because there is not enough thinking brains in the South to reason out the moral teachings of a sensible play. One fact the author has most emphatically shown in this play is that the white man has always maintained a closer private relation with the Negro than he has publicly admitted. As a matter of fact, how many white men can you find to-day who can truthfully say that he has never made any undue advances to colored women?

Then, again, how many colored women can you find who aren't constantly annoyed by white men?

The white critics haven't found any objections whatever to the name of the play, neither do they see anything wrong in the first two acts, where a "nigger" is lynched and where an uncouth liquor dealer calls a poor old Negro "mammy" every name that a decent audience will stand for. But they do find every fault imaginable with the third act, and why? Simply because the prettiest white girl in the community admits that she is frantically in love with a "nigger;" that she simply can not live without him, and that although she is the belle of her society, with every opportunity of marrying the best among her own people, she is willing to turn her back to all and spend the remainder of her days with this "nigger." So there you are. Some of you might want to nkow what color this "nigger" is. What color would he be if his father was a white slave owner, who owned his mother and who fell deeply in love with her, and he being the result of their affections? Is not your race full of this sort of "nigger" to-day, many who do and who do not recognize you? The white man has told you that "one drop of Negro blood makes a Negro." The author of this play is showing you differently; at least he offers other proof in opposition to this contention.

Every Negro in the world should see this play, as it teaches of much greater wrongs done the Negro than does "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and should live forever. It is not a play where one should expect an outburst of laughter, whistling or any other of the shallow-minded expressions, but rather bids for and demands more serious consideration.

The name of Edward Sheldon, the author of this play, like Lincoln, should find a permanent place in the heart of every true Negro, as this play deals with facts and conditions that are so constantly denied and refuted by the white man, and the only question that baffles your "Uncle" is whether or not Mr. Sheldon isn't one of the same kind of "niggers" as is shown in this play.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to The Freeman.
The Sheffield High School is doing very nicely, and is well attended. The principal, Prof. J. B. Barnett, is sparing no pains to make the school a success.... Davis Draper has opened a family grocery store on Second street, with a full line of fine groceries. Call and see him....E. M. Blair spent Sunday in Russellville.... Miss Guether Taylor and Mrs. Carrie Winter are on the sick list this week.... Miss Dona Pruett is much better this week....Rev. F. D. Fields has returned home from Russellville, Ala., where he has been inspecting his mission....E. H. Fields, one of Sheffield's most popular young business men and real estate agent, is erecting two beautiful cottages in the eastern part of the city....Call on Mrs. J. W. Jennings for Christmas presents and toilet articles, and all kinds of fancy work. Prices to suit your money....Mrs. Queen Perkins and her little son Paul left for Birmingham Thursday....The Bible Band will have sacred services on Christmas day at the A. M. E. Church. Everybody is invited to attend.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cobb arrived last week from Muskogee, Okla., and are making their residence at 418 Kinistino avenue. It is their intention to secure a homestead in the immediate future....Prayer meeting was held last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Walker, 1019 Fourth street. Quite a number were present....Mr. Sam Burns is back from Detroit and on his usual run on the Canadian Northern Railroad....H. Gus Hall writes from Winchester, W. Va., and reports their show a huge success. Mr. Hall will be in Birmingham, Ala., on the 21st inst. He sends regards to his friends here, and says we can add his name to the list containing, Deas, Reed & Deas purchasing property here, as that is his intention next summer....Mrs. R. M. Lewis, of 31 Heminck street, is sick with la grippe. Her daughter Pearl was taken to the General Hospital last week with pneumonia....Rev. J. B. Barbour, in addition to running a job contracting business, has branched out in the express business also. Mr. Barbour can be found at 349 Namayo avenue, Phone 1005....Clifford Mitchell was laid up several days last week with neuralgia....Charlie Cowan, of Entwistle, writes that he will be in the city in a few days....W. Asa Small, a prosperous farmer near Maidstone, Saskatchewan, writes and gives us an interesting account of that city, as follows, which is practically a colored town, started by colored people and populated by same at present: J. H. Lowery, G. C. Lowery, Seymour Lowery, Wm. Stone and W. Asa Small were the first colored homesteaders of Maidstone. They have twenty-two families now, with thirty coming from Oklahoma in the spring, influenced by Mr. Lane and Rev. Wm. Crawford, who were visitors of Mr. Small all fall and helped him dig 400 bushels of potatoes and cellar them for the spring market. Mr. Small is carrying his Majesty's mail to and from the postoffice, this being his fifth year. He goes a mile and a half twice a night from his farm to meet the mail train, and has only missed it once when on duty. He has faced Jacob Frost 50 below zero many a night. Mr. Small took the first town lot in Maidstone and started a restaurant, at which time he had two single daughters, and a Mr. Stone had the first store, and from that the town derived its name, "Maidstone."....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address or any complaint of not receiving The Freeman, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue, East; Phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Special to The Freeman.
At the Eastern Ohio Poultry Show, at Warren, O., last week, J. R. Holmes, Jr., took first prize and first pen for single-comb white Leghorns....Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Parker have moved their grocery and lunch room to 560 West Federal street....Mrs. L. B. Jackson, of Coraopolis, Pa., was the guest of Mrs. John Davis, Sr., last week....Members of the Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. Church Sewing Circle met at Mrs. Etta Lacey's Thursday afternoon, and after the routine business Mrs. Julia Thompson recited a poem on missionary work and Mrs. H. Simons read an intteresting paper....The Conundrum Social held at the Oak Hill Avenue Church, Thursday evening, was a success....A. H. Berry gave his first dance of the series Wednesday evening, and it was well attended and a success....Mrs. Charles Jackson, of West Myrtle avenue, who attended the funeral of her nephew, Harry T. Simons, in Mount Vernon, Thursday, returned home Friday....Owen Larsons and Jonia Gardner were married by Rev. Smith, Monday....Mrs. Simon Burgess is on the sick list....The Women's Progressive Club was initiated into the Household of Ruth. The list of officers will be in the next issue.

PARIS, KY.

Special to The Freeman.
The Colored Christian Church has been remodeled and will be occupied next Sunday. Rev. Stafford Campbell is pastor. ....The Teachers' Institute was entertained at the M. E. Church with refreshments and an address by Elder Bryant, the pastor in charge....Hatten Morse, an old hotel waiter, is dead at his mother's home in this city....Mrs. Minnie Brackenridge, of Lebanon, O., is visiting in Paris this week among old friends....W. H. Grant, colored, of Lexington, Ky., has the contract for building the brick cold storage house for the city of Paris. This is the first contract let to a colored man, with all Negro labor.

MADAM E. AZALIA HACKLEY

GREETED AT LOUISVILLE BY SPLENDID AUDIENCE

UNDER AUSPICES OF TREBLE CLEF CLUB

Reception Given in Honor of the Singer—Special Christmas Services to be Held at Episcopal Church by Bishop Woodcock.

By Cary B. Lewis.

Special to The Freeman.
LOUISVILLE, Ky.—It cannot be said that a house-filling audience greeted Mme. E. Azalia Hackley, the famous soprano singer, last Thursday night, at Liederkranz Hall, Sixth and Walnut streets. It will be maintained that the fault was not attributable to the artist nor the lack of zeal of the members of the Treble Clef Club, under whose auspices she appeared, but chiefly on account of the zero weather. It was the coldest night of the season, yet 400 music lovers were present and gave the singer a royal welcome. Madam Hackley was the guest of Mrs. Lavenia Watson Cooper, and had been in the city two days, had plenty of rest before the night she sang, and her youth-invested voice, radiant smiles, culture and dignity drew from the audience a wealth of delight and appreciation. Madam Hackley's natural endowments, vocal and personal, are such as to cause any one to admire and pay homage. She possesses a rich, clear, sweet voice, and trills her notes with perfect ease. In every instance she showed that she was cultured, and the culture had earmarks of hard study at the Parisian Conservatory of Music. She sang in French, Italian, German, and, much to the delight of all, in English. From a program so evenly choice it is difficult to specify favorites. Many in the audience liked the Italian "Flower Song." She was exceedingly clever in singing "Polonaise," which showed the flexible quality of her voice and the ease with which she handled this difficult number. "Why Adam Sinned," a dialect ballad, was generously appreciated and demanded a repetition, to which the artist graciously acceded. The most of the selections given were accompanied by Miss Susie Brannon, but the madam accompanied herself while singing three ballads. Much to the credit of Miss Brannon, her work was done with clearness, accuracy and sympathy.

Madam Hackley gave a great recital, the best yet heard in this city. The citizens are proud of her, and from what she said the night of the recital it is believed that she will receive a number of subscriptions to assist in the White-Diton scholarships at Paris. The writer escorted Madam Hackley to the Central, Western and California public schools, and at these institutions she gave the students short talks on music and the opportunities for trained and cultivated singers. It was a pleasure to the visitor to hear the pupils in Miss Mary Beard's room sing a three-part song. She afterward spoke of the artistic culture of Miss Beard. Misses Jessie Carter and Nannie Masterson's grades also sang for the madam. In the chapels of all the schools she sang sweetly and charmingly "Suanee River" and "Coming through the Rye."

Misses Mary V. Hicks, Charlotte Bryant and the Treble Clef Club, also the citizens of Louisville, are greatly indebted to Madam Hackley for including this city in her itinerary of annual recitals, and it is to be hoped that every time she comes here her recitals will be successful.

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While here Madam Hackley had an opportunity to meet a number of ladies at a reception given in her honor by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver, 1201 West Chestnut street. It was the prettiest social function given this season. The house was elaborately decorated with flowers and ferns, the color scheme being pink and white. The chandeliers and walls were banked with Southern smilax.

At 5 o'clock the charming receiving party, with Mrs. Oliver at its head, assisted by Mesdames Robert Oliver, Lavenia Watson Cooper and Albert Hathaway, Misses Marietta Pickens and M. Spratt Brown, began receiving a host of guests. Refreshments were served in abundance. The monogram "H" decorated the cakes, while the same letter was interwoven in individual ices. In the handsome dining room stood a beautiful mahogany table, on which was a pretty flower vase filled with red and white carnations, and each guest was presented with one by the charming Misses Scottie Davis and Lottie Beavers.

The gowns worn by the receiving party were all of a Parisian effect. They were beautiful and stylish. Mrs. Oliver, the hostess, wore a pink chiffon over silk, embroidered with gold. Madam Hackley wore a Paris gown of pink chiffon with motifs lace. Mrs. Lavenia Watson Cooper wore yellow messaline with gold and black trimmings. Mrs. Robert Oliver, white lace over silk, with handsome trimmings; Mrs. Albert Hathaway, white silk with elaborate trimmings; Miss Marietta Pickens, blue crepe de chene, trimmed in Duchess lace, and Miss M. Spratt Brown, black silk. Miss Sallie Scott wore a white silk gown of Parisian effect and served at the punch bowl. It was a brilliant affair and greatly enjoyed. A dinner was served the receiving party after the reception.

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We have had the "Dreamland," "Lincoln," and now we have the "Taft" Theater for colored people at Odd Fellows' Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut streets.

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Louisville has within its gates Mr. Sam J. Corker, Jr., advance agent of the Cole and Johnson Company. He is the guest of Mr. William Johnson, Twenty-fourth and Magazine streets. This is the fourth visit of Mr. Corker to this city. He is a very polished and refined gentleman, highly educated, and has traveled extensively in foreign countries. His position is the only one of its kind held by a Negro in

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DR. ERNEST LYON SPEAKS.

States that the Negro Scholar Trained in America Cannot Offer the Excuse of Poverty.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 8.—In a stirring address before the Scientific and Sociological Society of this city last Thursday afternoon, Dr. Ernest Lyon, American Minister to Liberia, strongly urged Negro scholars of Western training to take up the work of making researches and explorations in Africa.

At the outset of his address Dr. Lyon declared that the Negro scholar trained in America cannot offer the excuse of poverty, citing instances of white men who, though poor, made explorations in various countries. He traced the interest of the white man in Africa from the time the Pope issued a bull allowing the Portuguese to carry slaves from Africa to America, over 300 years ago, down to the present, until Europeans in their rush for money and products had appropriated nearly all the territory in Africa worth having. He declared that much that has been written about Africa has been written by the white men interested in the commercial exploitation of Africa.

"Among the most reliable writers," said Minister Lyon, "upon matters pertaining to Nigritian peoples, Dr. Edward W. Blyden, the eminent scholar of West Africa, has a preference for the earlier travelers and explorers, and in his lecture on 'The Mohammedans of Nigritia' recommends the works of Mungo Park, Denham, Clapperton, Caillie and the Landers. He thinks the modern writer is hampered by commercial exigency and the necessity to make a book that will sell. I think, however, the work of Felix Dubois, the French explorer, in which he gives an account of his travels from Paris to 'Timbuctoo, the Mysterious,' as also the works of Mrs. Mary A. Kingsley, especially her 'Studies in West Africa,' are the most reliable. It must be admitted, however, that the desideratum of Europeans is trade, gold and protectorates. Everything must tend in this direction, and even the Christian church is sometimes forced to conserve this end."

The speaker then said that the Stewart African Foundation of the Gammon Theological Seminary at Atlanta, Ga., should put some highly capable man versed in African dialects and conditions at the head of the department, which should be run along lines best suited for the Africans.

He then made an earnest appeal that American Negroes take up the work of finding out and giving to the world authentic information about the flora, fauna and topography of the Dark Continent, declaring that this work was rightfully theirs in the future, and that the work along this line should be published.

"Among those who have contributed," continued the distinguished diplomat, "to this kind of literature by close study and observation on the ground, and whose works occupy a commanding position in the literary productions of the times, and who are even quoted in the settlement of disputed African questions, are the eminent cholar and diplomat, Dr. Edward W. Blyden; Moses Casely, Hayford and John Saber. To these men must be added the noted Liberian traveler and explorer, Benjamin J. K. Anderson."

At the conclusion of the address a general discussion took place. The president of the society, Prof. Mason A. Hawkins, principal of the Baltimore Colored High School, presided.

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The executive committee of the newly organized Maryland Progressive League will meet this Thursday and organize its campaign on matters affecting the general welfare of the race in Maryland.

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Thomas A. Jones, of this city, was elected Grand Master of the Maryland Lodge of Masons last week.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Program rendered at New Hope Baptist Church, Sunday, November 28, at 8 p. m.: Prof. M. F. Nickles acted as master of ceremonies. Song by the choir. Scripture reading by Rec. I. S. Riddle. Song by the choir. Prayer by R. B. Berkley, after which Prof. G. M. Reece made a very able address, which was well received. Solo by Mrs. E. M. Sumpter, which was good. Next was a paper by Mrs. Mary Eilis, which was good. Next was a solo by Mrs. J. P. Reece. Then a duet by Madam P. Burwell and Mary Ellis, which was well rendered. Next on the program was a This was rally day. Over $40 was raised. Each person was to give a penny for each year they were old. Rev. Lee has been pastor of New Hope Baptist Church for ten years....Mrs. Maria Grear died December 3. Her funeral was attended at St. Paul M. E. Church on the 4th at 11:30 a. m. Rev. S. A. Cowan, the pastor, officiated. Burial at the L. S. & D. cemetery. She leaves a host of relatives and friends. ....Iverson Coleman, a well-known colored man, was found dead at his late home, on Eighth street and Thirty-sixth avenue, on the night of November 29. It is thought he died that night. He worked at Dr. E. E. Howard's drug store when he was able. He was buried at the Masonic cemetery on December 4 at 9:30 a. m. He was sixty years old. Peace to his ashes! ....Mrs. Cora Claiborn has been quite sick the past week. We wish for her a speedy recovery to health....The American Benefit Association of Meridian, Miss., conducted by Prof. J. M. Nimocks, general manager, is the oldest in the city and one of the strongest in the State....Rev. W. M. Thomas has been visiting friends and relatives in the city the past week. He had with him his newly wedded wife.... Rev. L. S. Lee, of New Hope Baptist Church, has been on the sick list the past week....The Florida Blossoms colored minstrels exhibited in Meridian on December 6....THE FREEMAN agent wants every one who wants a Christmas number of THE FREEMAN to see him at once and give him their order....Mrs. Solsberry died on December 3 and was taken to the country and buried on the 4th. She was about seventy-five years of age.

SOUTH BEND, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Rowan, who were married December 2, are now comfortably located in their home on West Walnut. They received many useful and handsome presents....The Brotherhood of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church gave a sacred concert Friday night, December 3, which was largely attended, after which a light lunch was served....We are glad to announce that Mrs. Eva Calloway is up again, after being confined to her home with her eyes....We were all surprised to learin of the marriage of Miss Ledia Henderson to Mr. Erny King, December 3.... The Mt. Zion Baptist Church is progressing very rapidly. The foundation has been dug, and next week the church will be turned around and will be remodeled on the inside....There will be a concert at the Baptist Church Thursday night, December 9, under the supervision of Miss Mabel King....Mr. Mark Hammonds visited South Bend Sunday from Elkhart to try his new touring car....Mrs. Lena Hubbard entertained last evening in honor of Mrs. Susie Williams, of Indianapolis. ....Woman's Day will be observed Sunday, December 5, at the A. M. E. Church. All are cordially invited to attend.... Monday night has been reserved for the colored people at the new skating rink. All are cordially invited to attend....Mr. Charles Bell has been ill at his home on North Walnut street....Mrs. Zora Lamont and Mrs. Delia Curtis gave a very pretty afternoon party in honor of Mrs. Susie Williams, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Renfro, of Iola, Kan....Mr. Mitchell Davis, of Terre Haute, Ind., is working now at the Oliver Hotel. He is staying with his aunt, Mrs. John Wade, 127 North Elm Place....Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bland entertained at the Coterie Club, Saturday evening, in honor of Mrs. Susie Williams, of Indianapolis, who is visiting Mrs. Noah Hubbard, of California avenue. Covers were laid for nine....Mr. D. H. Artis has gone to Grand Rapids, Mich., to spend the remainder of the winter in that city.... Mr. R. C. Tyree has departed from South Bend for Kansas City, Mo....Steadman Smith will be glad to have any of his old friends come and see him at any time, on South Williams street....Mr. C. Elliott will have one of the finest saloons in the State when completed. It is located on Hibbard. He will be glad to see his friends at any time....THE FREEMAN can be had of William Manning, at the Oliver Hotel, every Saturday.

COATESVILLE, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A wedding reception was held at the residence of Mrs. Benjamin Rustin on Thursday evening, December 2, which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hohnes, who have been married only a few weeks. The guests included many people from Philadelphia, Parkersburg and surrounding towns. Chicken salad, ice cream, cake and candy were served to all. Henderson's Hall was engaged for dancing for the balance of the evening, and punch was served to the merry dancers. Everyone enjoyed themselves, much to the delight of the newlyweds....Mr. William Burwell and bride have returned from their honeymoon. They were married October 7 by the bride's cousin, Mr. T. Pugh, of Coatesville. Mrs. Burwell, the happy bride, was Miss Mary A. Hall, of Virginia. Her return was the most enjoyable of homecomings, to find her house in perfect order, Mr. Burwell having seen that his house was stock from garret to cellar with all the necessities for housekeeping. The groom received many congratulations on his forethought and on his choice from his numerous friends in Coatesville....The congregation of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Coatesville has pulled through a hard and successful siege. The able support given to the pastor, Rev. A. Alexander, has enabled them to lay a foundation on which they are erecting a brick church, which, when finished, will be one of the finest colored chruches in Coatesville. It is situated on a most suitable spot, and convenient to its congregation. It is near completion, and will be ready by the month of March at the latest.

DULUTH, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Owing to the short time and the many requests for space in the Duluth-Superior write-up, it will be impossible to carry this page in the Christmas number, so those who have figured with Mr. Kelley on this feature page can arrange to have the space later....Miss Nancy Byrd, fourteen years of age, died Friday, December 3, after a lingering illness. The funeral services were held Monday, December 6, from St. Mark's A. M. E. Church, Rev. Jonathan Brewer officiating. The church was well filled with friends of the deceased and family. The floral offerings were very profuse, and in a manner expressed the feeling of the community in the loss of this estimable young lady, who had won for herself in the few short years of her life a place of distinction for her quiet manner and lovable traits, so often absent in one of such tender years....Mr. Osceola Gordon, of Williston, N. D., has entered the second year class in the Blaine High School, Superior, where he will reside in the immediate future. Mr. Gordon is a brother of the popular young barber of that name in the Zenith City.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Ladies' Silver Medal Contest, given at the A. M. E. Church, Thursday evening, December 2, 1909, was a grand success, the silver medal being awarded to Mrs. Harriet Tucker. The contest was in charge of Madam F. E. Preston. ....The Pastors' Aid met at the home of Mrs. W. M. Tucker, Thursday.... Quarterl ymeeting will be held at the A. M. E. Church, Sunday, December 12, 1909. Presiding Elder Rev. C. E. Ellen will be present....Don't forget the fair to be given at the A. M. E. Church on December 15-16....Rev. Cooper, pastor of the St. John Baptist Church, of Chicago, Ill., will preach at the Second Baptist Church, Sunday, December 12. All are invited....Mrs. N. Muse, who has been ill with appendicitis, is improving. ....Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Burton are the parents of a nine-pound baby girl.... There is quite an interest shown in the Bible class at the A. M. E. Church. A series of lectures is being given on the book of Genesis....Mrs. Isabelle Salspaugh, who has been ill with a fever, is improving....Mr. D. Walker spent Thursday in Kalamazoo, Mich., on business....Mr. and Mrs. D. Burns spent Saturday in Kalamazoo, Mich.

FLINT, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The New Century Club will give their annual grand Christmas ball Monday evening, December 27, at the G. A. R. Hall. Music by Mentes Orchestra. Committee: Mrs. James Richardson, Mrs. W. M. Vincent, Miss Mabel Saunders, Mrs. Charles Cross....Mrs. Herbert Walker, of Lansing, Mich., was in the city last week, the guest of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Walker....Mrs. R. E. Ellis left Monday for a three weeks' visit in Lansing, Mich., visiting relatives and friends....Miss Sadie L. Gordon, of Ypsilanti, Mich., was the guest of Mrs. Charles Cross, of Liberty street, last week....Messrs. W. Watson and George Jackson, of Adrian, Mich., will reside in Flint this winter....Mrs. J. A. Wheeler and Mrs. C. M. Ricky, of Dresren, Ont., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clay, of Pine street....Miss Nina F. Back spent last Saturday in Detroit, Mich..... The Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. N. Hicklin Wednesday afternoon.... The Thursday Club met at the home of Mrs. S. Grinnage, of Pine street. Light refreshments were served....You can get THE FREEMAN at 121 East Seventh street. Read this good journal.

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There was a grand educational meeting at the College Street M. E. Church last Sunday, which was well attended. We had excellent addresses by Prof. W. O. Bundy and Cook, two of our prominent and influential educators, who have something good to tell us at all times....There is a revival going on at the C. P. Church, conducted by Dr. C. P. McLurkin....The Bowling Green Academy has installed a printing press, and will soon begin publishing a paper. Any news of local interest should be communicated to W. E. Houston....Miss J. O. Morton will soon have some visitors from Louisville.... The B. G. Academy is filling up fast. Rev. R. L. Hyde, D. D., our beloved president, will soon return from his vacation, restored to his health. We will be glad to know that he is again able to take up his duties....Prof. C. T. Cook and Mr. James Potter, Jr., made a trip to Hopkinsville, Ky., last week to hear Dr. Washington speak.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. George Dabney has gone to Nashville, Tenn., to attend the embalming school....Mr. Sam Dabney spent Monday in Nashville....Mrs. Eliza Bailey has returned to St. Louis....Magnolia Terrel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Terrel, died Saturday, November 6, and was buried Sunday, November 7. The community deeply sympathizes with the parents in their sad hour....Mr. Andrew Dunlap died November 6 at his home, on Russellville Pike....Mrs. Lucy Chilton is quite ill at her home on Main street.... Mrs. Lula Manning will spend Sunday with relatives in Hopkinsville, Ky.

MINEOLA, TEX.

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Nearly all of this year's cotton is in bales now. There is but a little cotton left to pick....We had a good rain here last week, but no wind....There is a great deal of sickness in this part of the country....Don't you miss the Christmas number. Sandy Anderson will not miss any one.

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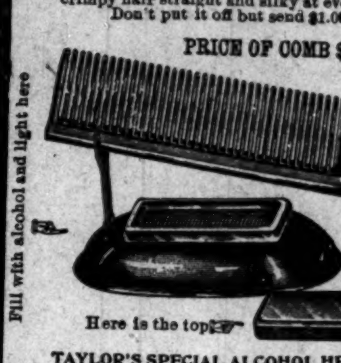
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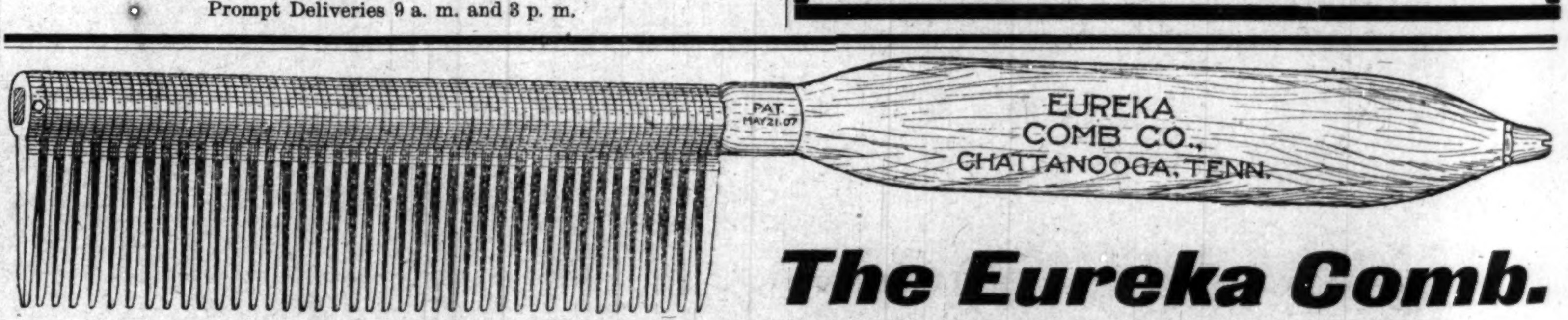
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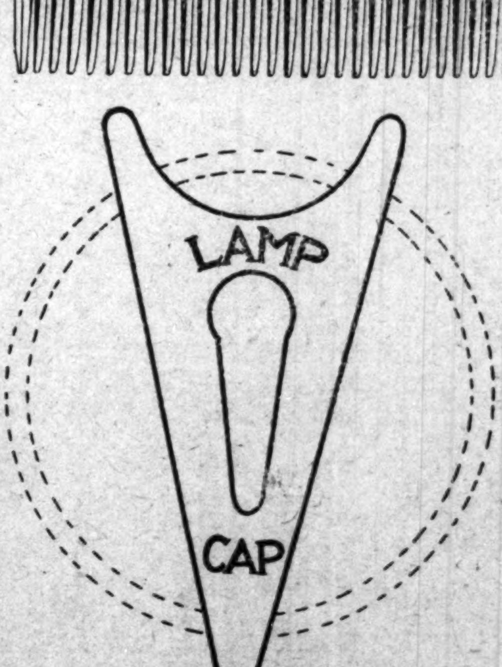

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MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

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Miss Blanche Dixon, aged nineteen years, sustained burns at the A. M. E. Church, on Beechurst avenue, Tuesday evening, November 30, which proved fatal. At the time of the accident she was taking part in a theatrical performance given by the Ladies' Court of Calanthe, an auxiliary to the Knights of Pythias. Miss Dixon was taking the part of an Eskimo, and was wearing a costume made up mostly of cotton. She was preparing to go on the stage when her costume was ignited from a stove. In a moment the girl was a mass of flames, the cotton burning rapidly. Mrs. Lewis Ellis and Miss Mary Lewis, who were the first to reach the girl, were badly burned about the hands. The flames were extinguished by some of the men, however, who wrapped their coats about the victim. Calls were sent for Drs. Stonestreet, Fisher and Edmondson, all of whom responded at once. Everything possible was done to relieve the girl, who was taken to the A. M. E. parsonage. The girl suffered intensely, and Dr. Stonestreet was called three different times during the night. It is thought the girl inhaled some of the flames, and her friends entertained little hopes for her recovery. On Wednesday evening, December 1, she died, at 8:45. Just before she died she called her friends about her and asked that they sing "Nearer, My God, to Thee." After they had finished it she bid them all good-bye and stated that she was ready to die. The young lady was employed as a domestic at the home of Prof. A. R. Whitehill, and was one of the popular young ladies in the city. She is survived by her father, William Dixon; one brother, John W. Dixon, and six sisters, namely, Mrs. James G. Edwards, Mrs. William Holland, Mrs. Anthony Chloe, Mrs. Ida Beall, Miss Julia Dixon and Miss Bertha Dixon. All of her sisters were with her at the time of her death, except Mrs. Ida Beall, who was at the funeral. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, December 5, at 2:15, at the A. M. E. Church. Miss Dixon was highly esteemed by friends, both white and colored. It was one of the largest funerals of our race ever held in this city. The services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of the Baptist Church at Sabraton, and Rev. S. Christon, the A. M. E. pastor of this city. The church was crowded with people and was beautifully decorated with flowers. The Baptist choir and the A. M. E. choir furnished music for the occasion. Mrs. C. W. Thomas, chorister of the Baptist denomination, and J. H. Lewis, chorister of the A. M. E. denomination, took charge of the music. The hymns selected were Miss Dixon's favorites, viz., "Rock of Ages," "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Lead, Kindly Light," "Asleep in Jesus," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River." "Abide with Me" was played as a march as the solemn procession entered the church. Interment was in Mount Union Cemetery. While returning from the cemetery one of the horses hitched to a carriage slipped on the pavement, at the unction of Spruce and Willow streets, and fell. The carriage was stopped by the brake, and neither the horse nor the occupants of the vehicle were injured. Miss Dixon was a member of the Epworth League at the Jones Chapel M. E. Church, Chestnut street, and was also a member of the Willing Workers of the Baptist Church, Sabraton township. There were three resolutions drafted and read. Mr. Urvel Crawford read a resolution in behalf of the Epworth League for her faithful attendance and help in making the society a success at Jones Chapel M. E. Church; Mrs. C. W. Thomas read a resolution in behalf of the Willing Workers, for her faithful attendance and help in making the society a success. Miss Dixon was not a member of the Ladies' Court of Calanthe, but she took part in the theatrical play which the Court of Calanthe gave in the A. M. E. Church on the evening of November 30. A resolution of respect and regret was read by Mrs. Lewis Ellis for her faithful service and work in making the entertainment a success. The pallbearers were: Mr. Urvel Crawford, Mr. Harry Lewis, Mr. Ottress Henderson, Mr. Joseph Richardson, Mr. George Jones, Mr. Luther Clements.

SEKITAN, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bess, of Hopkinsville, died Sunday morning from an attack of pneumonia. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Mrs. M. J. Brannon officiated. The funeral was held at the house. Interment in the Cleves cemetery....The ice cream social given at the residence of Mrs. Ida Murphy realized $11.35. The entertainment was for the benefit of the pastor....A special canvass is being made for the Christmas number of THE FREEMAN. All those desiring a copy will please leave orders at any of the business houses or with N. C. Hawkins, agent, High street headquarters....Books of all descriptions are being offered at a great reduction for the holidays at the Dunbar Literature Company's office. Your inspection is invited....A report will be made at the end of the year regarding all of the various clubs, organizations, lodges and all things going to show the progress of the village. The work is being prepared in a systematic form for publication....Mrs. E. S. Bowyer, of 23 High street, was delightfully entertained at her residence, Friday evening at 7:30, with a pleasant birthday party. Mrs. Bowyer was attending choir rehearsal at the church, and was much surprised when arriving home to find the dining room beautifully decorated; besides, in the center of the room was a large birthday cake, surrounded by a cluster of candles. A number of guests were present, and after participating in a well-prepared supper, many beautiful and valuable presents were received, besides many congratulations....Mr. and Mrs. James Vaughn entertained Thanksgiving day at their residence with a sumptuous dinner Mr. and Mrs. John Maupin, of Cincinnati, Mr. John Gaines, of Cleves, and Miss Laura Johnson, of Walnut Hills. ....Mrs. Alberta Griggs, who has been visiting in North Vernon, Ind., at the residence of her aunt, Mrs. Cindy Good, has returned home from a few days....Miss Lizzie Wakes and Miss Mary L. Hull were enjoying a good time Monday afternoon at their respective quarters, special music being furnished for the occasion. A delicious lunch was served. Quite a number of friends were present. It was two birthdays combined in one....News items left at the following places will receive prompt attention: S. H. Pillow's cash grocery, Hull & Wakes' new restaurant, Gaines & Pillow cafe, James Vaughn's lodging house, M. L. Fitch's restaurant, Mrs. Mary Hathaway's restaurant, Aaron Johnson's barber shop. Orders for copies of THE FREEMAN can also be left at these places, and will not be overlooked. The agent will call each Monday and take up news, and would like very much to place a copy in the home of every family in the village. Let us push the movement by giving our subscription each week....Thomas Shane and Wallace Hollbock are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Shane, of North Bend....Arthur Taylor and Ernest Madison, musicians of note, were the attractions at the Gaines & Pillow cafe Saturday evening. Taylor and Madison have come into winter quarters, from a successful engagement with the Robinson Circus. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, of High street, over night and during Sunday....Miss Hattie Neal, of High street, is ill at the present writing....Mack Lewis, president of the B. Y. P. U. of the Second Baptist Church, left for the city Monday evening to attend a mass meeting of the various clubs at the Antioch Baptist Church.... Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Blackburn and son Clifford were the guests of Mrs. Ellen Wilson and Mrs. Georgiana Foreman, Sunday, at a 2 o'clock dinner....By the arrival of Mrs. Edna Gaines from Indianapolis, Ind., Sunday, where she has been located for the past three months, adds a new list to some of the social functions which are to be given here. Mrs. Gaines will be the guest of parents and relatives while here....A communication has just reached THE FREEMAN correspondent of the resignation of Robert Johnson from the pipe works at Massillon and the acceptance of a lucrative position at the Deuber-Hampden watch case factory of Canton, Ohio. Mr. Johnson was for a number of years coremaker at the U. S. pipe works here....A grand rally will be given Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the members of the Ladies' Home and Foreign Mission at the Second Baptist Church. Mrs. Mack Lucas, president....Mr. Hubert Dudley, of Delhi, has been seriously ill, suffering an attack of typhoid fever... The penny rally held at the C. M. E. Church Sunday during the day was well attended, despite the inclement weather. Rev. W. H. Blackburn occupied the pulpit in the morning, Rev. S. D. Saunders at 3 o'clock, and at 7:30 the pastor, Rev. J. H. Brooks, officiated. The total receipts were $33 and a few cents....A communication was received Sunday from Cincinnati announcing the death of Miss Ida Brock, formerly of this pdace. Mr. William J. Dickerson left at once to take charge of the funeral arrangements. Miss Brock had been ill for some time, and her death was not a surprise to her friends here. The remains were peacefully laid to rest Wednesday afternoon....The Rev. Mrs. M. J. Brannon left Sunday morning for Barnesville, Ohio, to hold a three weeks' revival....A grand concert and all-night entertainment will be given at Lawrenceburg, Ind., in a few weeks. Some good talent has been engaged, and the residents of the village have already sent encouragements....Despite the inclement weather, the Rev. S. D. Saunders preached to a sermon by the pastor, Rev. L. S. Lee. from a well-prepared text. The sermons are yet attracting much attention, and the Doctor seems to grow much stronger in spiritual and intellectual power....The Rev. J. H. Brooks, pastor of the C. M. E. Church, is a man of strong instinct and a good scholar, having spent several years at one of the leading law colleges of the country. Rev. Brooks has made many a friend during his stay here, and is a strong advocate of religious principles.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Knights of Pythias Lodges hreld elections at Castle Hall as follows for the ensuing term: St. Charles Lodge—Alex. Johnson, C. C.; George Bradshaw, V. C.; Hiram Bailey, P.; Jim Reynolds, M. of F.; O. B. Clairborn, K. of R. and S.; J. L. Dixon, M. of E.; Jack Turner, M. of A.; E. D. Wilson, J. A. L. Weems, D. M. Mason, trustees; O. C. Clairborn, representative; Ike Lacy, I. G.; Charles Bartee, O. G. Empire Lodge—J. A. Mays, C. C.; C. Morrow, V. C.; George Johnson, P.; Prof. N. W. Harrellee, K. of R. and S.; Dr. J. T. Welch, M. of F.; Thomas C. Cole, M. of E.; William Durham, M. of A.; J. A. Austin, M. of W.; Wilson, I. G.; E. G. Williams, T. L. Lomax, C. B. Terrell, trustees; J. A. Austin, representative. Pride of the West Lodge—J. M. Overtstreet, C. C.; A. D. Hancock, V. C.; W. W. Duncan, P.; William F. Demars, K. of R. and S.; N. B. Hill, M. of F.; M. L. Johns, Asst.; T. J. Bagsby, M. of E.; H. W. Childs, M. of A.; George Murry, I. G.; G. G. Turner, O. G.; C. M. Wallick, Dr. J. W. Anderson, Lieut. J. M. Talbert, trustees; C. M. Wallick, representative. This lodge reported $139.95 on hand. Emanuel Lodge—A. H. Willis, C. C.; Sam Cross, V. C.; J. Schannon, P.; Lieut. Prince Whitlow, M. of E.; W. L. Robinson, M. of F.; John Henderson, K. of R. and S.; Spicer Williams, M. of A.; Asa Warington, I. G.; William McIntosh, O. G.; J. H. Lewis, W. R. White, Andrew Robinson, trustees; Andrew Robinson, representative. Other lodges in the city will hold their elections this week, and the results will appear in THE FREEMAN. The Knights of Dallas are now considering the erection of a new hall, and all Pyhtians and Courts of Calanthe are busying themselves financially to meet the pressing needs without taxatian. The two Uniform Ranks of the city are doing all they can to co-operate in a general way to swell the building fund, and stand ready to a man, in a way all brave Knights should when advancements of the order are being proposed....The new three-story brick owned by the L. M. T. is now occupied by the following people: Drs. Hamilton, Bluitt, Welch & Bluitt, Attorney McBeth, the Penny Savings Bank. There are lavatories, hall and entry rooms. All told it is a structure you should visit and be shown through....D. V. Hooper, the druggist, is located at 596 East Elm street.... The remains of Dr. S. C. Gates were laid to rest Sunday with impressive ceremonies by the order of which he was the founder....Crimp is zigzagging many these days....J. H. Walker, the blacksmith, is up, after several days' illness... Church circles are all stirring financially as the end of the year approaches....The Households of Ruth will banquet by invitation at Odd Fellows' Hall, Monday night, corner Flora and Buford streets....Mrs. Carter, who was severely burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove, is much improved, to the delight of her many friends. ....Charles W. Adams is to reside in Houston in the future....Why don't the yonng men invite the young ladies in return for the many social treats given them?....Buy and read this paper and stop your borrowing. It is only $1 the year. See Griffin now.

MOBILE, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. Sutton Greggs, of Nashville, Tenn., occupied the pulpit at Franklin Street Baptist Church last Sunday night. He is one of the ablest men in the Baptist ministry. He is also an author, having completed several books that are being read throughout the country....Rev. Dr. McEwen is still confined to his home. The Doctor has had a long spell. We hope to see him again at his post....The West Alabama Conference held its annual session in Little Zion Church, Bishop Caldwell presiding. The church reported a successful year's work....Dr. Tipton, head of the insurance department, was in the city last week attending the conference....Dr. Clough, the magnetic healer, who hails from the West Indies, has been making things hum in the Gulf City. He left for Pensacola last week, leaving some very much impressed....Dr. H. Roger Williams had two of his old teachers from Louisiana stop over with him last Saturday. The Doctor showed them around the city in his automobile, and visited the colored business places. They spoke very favorably of what they saw of Mobile.... The Atlanta Mutual Aid Insurance Company has appointed Mr. Eliot Stevens a superintendent of the office in Mobile.... Mrs. Pauline H. Jackson left for Philadelphia last Monday. She was royally entertained by the Literary Club at the residence of Ruby Howard, 554 Davis avenue. The guests were very well pleased with the social gathering....The musical and literary entertainment that was to have been given by St. John's Lodge of Masons last Monday night was postponed until some time during the holidays....The B. Y. P. U. meeting at Franklin Street Church last Sunday evening was addressed by Mr. Mosby....The Order of Doves elected Mr. Robert Lewis, the popular mail carrier, as their president. The nest will be placed in the reach of the Sparrows....The Orange Grove School has added a library in addition to the work of the school improvement, and placed benches in the yard for the comfort of the pupils....Mrs. Lillie B. Williamson reports that the piano purchased by the Christian Endeavor of State Street Church has been paid for with the last proceeds of the Harvest....Kenner and Lewis are heading the bills at Lagman's Theater. This has become one of the most up-to-date teams that ever worked in vaudeville. The slack wire artist, in the person of Mr. Joe Taylor, does some difficult stunts....Mr. John Lewis, the historian, has kindly consented to write several articles of what the Negroes are doing in Alabama and Mississippi, to appear in this paper....Mr. C. B. Paul, who has been on the sick list, is somewhat improved at this writing....Parties wishing the Christmas number of THE FREEMAN will leave orders with L. A. Johnson or agent at the drug store.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The regular monthly meeting of the C. W. B. M. was held December 1, and the following program was rendered under the direction of the president, Nellie Early: Opening hymn; opening prayer; "For the Womanhood of the Church," Mrs. Alice Dabney; hymn; prayer, Mrs. Annie Swar; hymn; Bible lesson, Mrs. L. M. Johnson; recitation, George Miller; hymn; recitation, Freddie Davis; reading, Mrs. Henry Davis; reading, "The Missionary Appointment of Ella C. Ewing," Miss Nellie Early; closing prayer, Rev. Harlis. A map from Central Africa was shown, which was made by the colored people there....Mrs. Frank Myers and family have moved to Quincy, Ill....Among those who were Chicago visitors recently were Mrs. James Young, Mrs. Dr. Agnew, Mrs. Louis Herendon, Mrs. A. H. Kinniebrew, Mrs. Robert Blue and Mr. Jerome Rollins. ....Mrs. Zora Stewart, who has been very ill, does not seem to improve....Aunt Lucy Jackson, who has been very ill, is slowly improving...Quarterly meeting will be held the first Sunday in January at the Bethel A. M. E. Church....Sunday, December 5, was trustee day at the Bethel A. M. E. Church....A very interesting program was held at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, November 28, before a good audience. The vocal solo of Mrs. Dr. Batchlar was very sweetly rendered, and the paper of Mrs. Ross was fine....The collection all day Sunday at the Bethel A. M. E. Church was $20.50, and was taken up by Mrs. Mary Robinson and Mrs. Samuel Bolden....Mrs. J. W. Kirke is slowly improving from her illness....Mrs. George Clark, of East College avenue, is quite ill at this writing.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The B. A. C. football team played one of the hardest games this season when it met the Junior team of Central High School last week. The B. A. C. boys held the Juniors to a 0 to 0 tie. Much credit is due to every player for his brilliant playing, especially to quarter-back Brady, the Johnny McGovern of the team. The B. A. C.'s will continue to play until Christmas, as long as the weather is as it is at present....The concert given by the St. Peter's A. M. E. Sunday-school, Friday evening of last week, was quite a success. Quite a number attended....The M. T. C. Art Club met last week with Mrs. Mary Darrow. Business of importance was carried out through the entire meeting....Those wish-
fair sized congregation Sunday evening.
ing a Christmas number of THE FREEMAN can have one by informing the agent, James Wilson. The Christmas number will be larger than ever before, so don't fail to secure one....The Afro-American Club was organized Wednesday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. J. Jackson, 711 Lyndale avenue North. Mrs. R. J. Temple was elected president and Mrs. Carrie Ford secretary. The object of this club is to do charitable work in the city among our people....The different Sunday-schools in the city are getting ready for their Christmas exercises....Minneapolis was entertained all last Sunday with a severe snowstorm, and the attendance at some of the churches was quite small for the first Sunday in the month....The FREEMAN correspondent and agent in this city is James F. Wilson, 2818 Chicago avenue. Mr. Wilson would like to secure your news items each week, and also supply you with a copy of THE FREEMAN.

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On last Sunday afternoon, at 4 p. m., Rev. Stevens, pastor of the First M. E. Church, addressed the West End Branch Y. W. C. A., after which "the social hour" was held under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Mitchell, and Misses Cuthbert, Vassar, Wright and Bell served tea and cakes. The literature class that meets Friday night at 8 o'clock is free to any young girl who desires to take up the course. At present the class is studying Shakespeare's "The Tempest." Next Sunday afternoon there will be an address delivered at 4 o'clock by Miss Howell....Rufus Carroll, 457 Robert street, was struck by a street car at Seventh and Willius streets, Saturday night, and his scalp was badly lacerated....There will be a fair at St. James A. M. E. Church on December 25-25, and it promises to be one of the old-time gatherings....Mr. Willius Green, a veteran railroad porter, died, and was buried from St. Peter Claver Church on December 3.... Miss Florence Cotton has been quite sick with pneumonia....Mr. Samuel Ransom is back from Nashville, Tenn., where he went to coach the football team for Meharry Medical College....Mr. J. W. Kelly has been serving on a District Court jury for the past three weeks....Mr. and Mrs. Shivers and daughter, Miss May, are now residing at 365 Aurora avenue....Mrs. George W. Duckett has been on the sick list for some time....Mr. Thomas R. Morgan, of the Guide Publishing Company, is getting out some very unique card cases. ....Mr. Gus Jones has succeeded in buying out his partner, Mr. C. E. Jones, and will hustle the grocery business alone now. Miss Ida Johnson is the chief clerk.... The Elliott Building, W. B. Elliott, proprietor, will be ready for occupancy by January 1....Miss Grace St. Clair, formerly with Michaud Brothers' bakery department, is now employed by Mrs. Siebert, 870 Grand avenue. Mrs. Siebert runs a delicatessen that is patronized by "the hill" people....Mrs. J. H. Hickman is in Ohio visiting....Get your orders in early for the Christmas number of THE FREEMAN. Henry Crawford, the popular news agent.

GALESBURG, ILL.

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Miss Walker is still in and near our city, delivering lectures on her wonderful work. We all wish her success. She is, you must remember, our home girl, an dwe are proud of her, and expect to support her cause....Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mason spent Thanksgiving in Quincy, at the home of Mrs. Mason. ....Mrs. Lucy Williams, of the Second Baptist Church, died Thursday of last week, after an illness of a few days. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the church, at 2:30. She was also a member of the Household of Ruth, the members of which turned out in a body. ....The concert given by Mrs. S. Hazel Thanksgiving night was enjoyed by all. A very interesting program was rendered. At the same time the prize quilt was given away, Miss Marie Dunaway being the lucky lady, holding the number drawn....Mrs. Jones, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. L. C. Carter....The reception given in honor of Miss D. D. Walker at the beautiful home of Mrs. George Fletcher, last Wednesday evening, was indeed a delightful affair. A short program was rendered during the evening, as follows: Instrumental solo, Mrs. T. Patton; address, Miss Walker; vocal solo, Miss Blanch Nelson; remarks, Mr. T. Patton, after which a dainty luncheon was served. When they left they all felt they had enjoyed themselves....The Odd Fellows' ball, given in Central Hall, last week, was a grand affair, the brilliantly lighted ball room giving tone to the many beautiful gowns of the ladies....Mrs. Emma Kidd and Mrs. M. Mitchell are visiting in Chicago, the guest of Mrs. Mitchell's daughter, Mrs. Bertha Green....Our club motto, "Leave your arrows at home;" our colors, red and white; our determination, "To live," not merely exist.

WASHINGTON, PA.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

Keystone Lodge No. 1, B. P. O. E. of W., held its memorial services in honor of their deceased brother, William Lane, Sabbath afternoon, in the city hall. The services were largely attended by home and visiting friends from Iron City No. 17 and North Side Lodge. Mr. J. T. Brandy acted as master of ceremonies, and the music was rendered by Baker's Big Four and the female quartet of Western Star Temple, which is an auxiliary of the lodge. The eulogists were Rev. R. S. Lowry, of Pittsburg, a member of the local lodge, and Thomas Wilson, of North Side Lodge. Other participants were T. Douglas Tace, of Iron City Lodge, and J. H. Jones, of North Side Lodge. Papers by Miss Marie Adams and Mrs. J. T. Brandy were highly appreciated by the audience....Mrs. Kate Manley, better known as Mother of the Household of Ruth of America, has been the guest of Mrs. William Lyons for several days. Her lecture at the A. M. E. Church Tuesday evening was largely attended....Mr. William Mosley has returned home, after several days spent in Homestead....Mr. Sell Thomas is on the sick list....Mrs. Gross has returned home after several days spent in visiting friends in Steubenville, Ohio.

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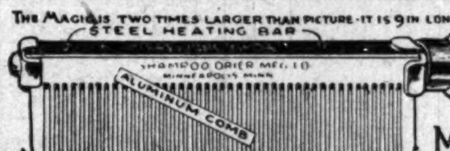
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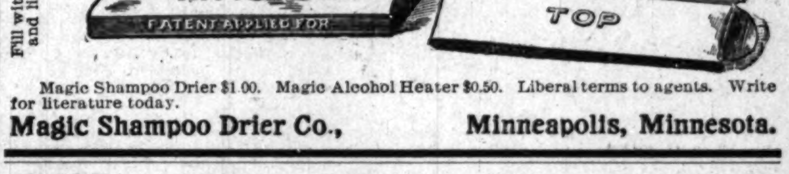

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WHAT NEXT?

Bryan is outdone by President Taft's recent appointment to the Supreme Court Bench, the character of which is a further assurance that Mr. Taft is really in earnest about his endeavor to give all the encouragement possible to the "Lilly White" wing of the Republican party. At least that is the way it looks to us at the present time. If Mr. Bryan had been elected President we would have expected an appointment of the character President Taft has made, viz: An anti-Negro Southerner appointed to succeed the last Justice Peckham, a Republican. We are not pessimistic in regard to Mr. Taft. We are rather inclined to be optimistic, for along the industrial uplift of the race the President has been very kind and considerate. We are unable to conjecture his leaning towards us as citizens and politicians. Surely there is poor light to reflect from the appointment of Judge Horace Lurton, of Tennessee, a Democrat. It looks anti-Republican and anti-Negro to us. Perhaps such simon pure Republicans and politicians as the Rev. Dr. A. J. Carey, of Chicago, Hon. John C. Dancy, Hon. W. T. Vernon, Hon. Ralph W. Tyler, and, last, but not least, Editor Chase, of the Washington Bee, can tell us what this all means and what we may expect next to issue from the White House in the near future? We wish they would quickly lift the suspense from our minds.

ON LYNCHING.

The frequent lynchings here of late brings us face to face again with this form of outlaw. Lynching is simply murder by a mob. It is not less murder because perpetrated by many than by a few. The laws of the land are entirely adequate to punish all offences, and in our opinion not many criminals who are once apprehended ever escape. The very civilization of our country is in peril. The officers of the law are flouted, and crowds of excited, violent and vicious men presume to inflict punishment, and not infrequently lynch the innocent for the guilty. Lynching is barbarism pure and simple. Every man has a right to a fair and impartial trial, and a black man has all the rights which belong to white men. There are just as many white criminals in proportion to the population as colored. Tammany rule in New York (now waning) and Republican rule in Philadelphia (now improving) are as bad as the carpet-bag rule in the South after the war, and all have been a shame and disgrace. Black men, when they are given a chance, make just as good citizens as white. The Douglass's, Knoxe's, Bruce's and Langston's are proof of this statement. We believe in giving every man a chance, whatever his color and wherever he comes from, and in punishing a rich rascal as surely and swiftly as a poor one. Let us have done with race prejudices. If a man commits a crime let him suffer according to law. We hope soon to see an end put to all lynching in any part of the land, North and South. This Nation cannot last long if mobs take the place of police, or if men of one class or color are put down. "All men up!" should be the slogan of this Nation.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS.

By V. P. Thomas.

"Not true; the South is not glad she was whipped."

Discussing the habit of Southern speakers always protesting their loyalty to the Union, the Daily States, of this city, says the time has come when such foolishness should cease. The individual, it declares, who is continually harping on his honesty is the man whom discreet persons will watch all the more closely; the man who persistently emphasizes the allegation that he is a gentleman advertises thereby his deficiency in the essentials of gentle birth and breeding. The States says: "It is not true that the South is glad that she was defeated in the war for Southern independence; it is not true that any great disaster would have befallen the principle of popular government or the cause of human liberty had the Confederacy succeeded." The States says if the Confederacy had won in the struggle, both governments would have flourished side by side, without friction or trouble; the Southern slaves would have been emancipated upon a humanitarian basis, that would have redounded to the benefit of black and white; both the Northern and the Southern republics would have been more compact and homogeneous than can ever be possible under one general government covering such diversity of conditions and needs, and the great problems of civilization would have been worked out by two sets of independent investigators, instead of one, as now.

The States is always very frank in the expression of its views, and the views it expresses are usually the views of the Southern white men, so what is given above from its editorial utterances may well be taken as the true Southern view of the matter it discusses. The editor, or rather the owner, of the States is the Demovratic national committeeman for Louisiana, and it will be remembered that he raised more money for the Democratic ticket in the last national campaign than any other individual member of the Democratic national committee in the South, a fact that needs no argument to show that the Southern people in this State, from whom he got the money he raised, feel as he does on all questions in which the South is interested or involved.

But it was never ordained that there should be two republics in this country, flourishing side by side, after a war such as our internecine war was, and it was well that the result was what it was—the defeat of the attempted confederacy of slave-holding States. The humanitarian basis of emancipating the slaves which the States says would have resulted if the attempted confederacy in the South had succeeded, seems to have been an idea of very slow growth in the mind of the Southern slave-holders. Nobody ever attempted to prevent the emancipation of the slaves in the South but the slave owners themselves. In fact, the slave owners had all the time they needed in which to do the humanitarian act which the States says they would have done if the war had resulted in Southern independence, yet they did not show any appreciable sign of a disposition to unfetter and emancipate the Negro from the cruel conditions of slavery. The Negro has much to complain about over his treatment in the South to-day, but his complaint now is almost nothing in comparison with what it was in the cruel slavery days. The difference is the measure of his happiness now and his happiness then is so great that many old ex-slaves have declared to the writer that sometimes they feel that they are enjoying the life everlasting and are never to die.

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The colored people of this city have had very little to say on the point of whether or not they find anything encouraging in the first annual message of the President to the Congress of the United States, and it is, therefore, a question whether they were disappointed with it or not. One thing that everybody seems to notice in it is the President's attitude on all the projects favored by Dr. Booker T. Washington. His reference in the message to the embarrassments of the Liberian government and the report of the commissioners sent to that republic to investigate the interests of the United States and of its citizens in that country, his renewal of the recommendations of his predecessors that amounts due depositors in the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company be appropriated by Congress and paid them on a 38 per cent. basis, and his approval of the year 1913 as the proper time for the holding of the semi-centennial of Negro freedom, all show that the President looks to Mr. Washington for advice on matters concerning the colored people. Mr. Washington has advanced all these propositions and it is believed that the President mentions them in the way he has in his message to indicate the respect and high opinion he has of the views of the builder of Tuskegee.

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A special dispatch to the Times-Democrat from Washington, D. C., on the 9th, says that President Taft will turn out all Southern Negroes now holding federal office in the country, and will fill their places by appointment of white men in the South and Negroes in the North, where the Negro is not objectionable to the people of the community. The report is believed by some and others discredit the story, and say there is nothing in it. It is not likely that the President will start any such bad policy as a Republican chief. Such a policy would show him to be a poor Republican and would force Negroes of the South to go North in election times and canvass against the Republican ticket in the doubtful districts and States, a thing the Negroes have never done yet against the Republican party, and a thing the Republican party cannot afford to have done against it, if it desires to continue to be the governing party in this country.

COLUMBUS, GA.

Miss Georgia E. Tolbert left Monday for Augusta, Ga., where she will attend Lamar College for Trained Nurse. She possesses wonderful mental powers, which will make her invaluable in a sick room. She is cheerful, kind and thoughtful for the sick, and pursues her work with zeal, determination, enthusiasm, and will certainly make a mark in the world and be an honor to her calling....Prof. Wm. Pickens, of Talladega College, delivered an address at the Colored Y. M. C. A. last week, and it was one of the best ever heard in this city.

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ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY!!

The event of the year in Negro journalism will be the Christmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman, to be issued December 25—the paper that goes all over, and remains all over, being retained as a souvenir because of its value. You know what it has been in former years—always the largest and best in every way, because it contains news from everywhere, and about the very thing you should like to read of.

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Below we mention just a few of the articles and their contributors that will appear in the big number:

HARRY DANIELS,

The well-known baseball writer and regular correspondent of The Freeman, will contribute an article on baseball in the East. Mr. Daniels has had wide experience in colored baseball circles and is more fitted to write on such subjects than any other authority in the East.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL

Will present his "Tenth Annual Review" of the stage, and you know he is ever interesting, because he writes of things worth reading in a very sane manner.

MISS NANNIE BURROUGHS

Is going to take a few moments of her valuable time to tell us about our women and their work. You know what a lovely speaker and writer she is.

BISHOP H. M. TURNER,

retired bishop of the A. M. E. Church, as well as one of the most noted clergymen in the country, contributes to our special number an article on "Christmas Day." The good Bishop is well liked the country over for his matter-of-fact way of expressing himself. No one should miss reading this article..

THE HON. W. G. CRITCHLOW,

founder and Grand President of the I. L. U. Society and editor-in-chief of the Union Journal Magazine, has written his view on the subject, "The Labor Question and the Negro," and it is safe to say that this article will prove to be one of the most interesting discussions in our special number, for it seems that the subject is on every one's tongue these days. Mr. Critchlow, being a champion of the laboring man's cause as well as an efficient writter on such subjects, has gone into details and furnished us a well-written essay.

JOSEPHINE SILONE YATES, A. M.,

honorary president National Association of Women, professor of English and advisor of women, Lincoln Institute, has written her views on "Woman and Race Questions," and you know that it is bound to be good, because she is one of the leading women of the race and should know how to expound the best thought possible—new thought.

DAVID WYATT,

one of the best known baseball authirities, contributes "The Bulls and Bears of the Baseball Market.". Mr. Wyatt is one of the early contributors of this paper, and during his time he has caused much comment and discussion among baseball fans.

JACKSON J. SIRVALL,

a young sporting writer of Chicago, Ill., has sent an article on "Why Jeffries Cannot Get Back." His argument is so clearly put that every one will be interested in every line of it.

The above in no way completes our list of contributors. We only mention these in order that you may get an idea on the class of writers and their articles, and that you may have a line on what our number is to consist of. We want you to send in your order immediately, lest you run a risk of not getting a copy.

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THE WEEK AT LEXINGTON, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

The Ministers' Alliance will meet for the next two weeks at Lane Chapel C. M. E. Church, corner Race and Correl streets, on Monday mornings, at 11:30.

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The Christian Zeal Sewing Circle will meet Thursday night at 7:30 at the church. Business of importance and a rehearsal of Christmas songs. Lewis Williams, president.

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The members of St. Jacob's Well Lodge made a fine turn-out at the funeral of Rev. Michael Campbell, at the Main Street Baptist Church, Friday afternoon, and conducted services at the cemetery in honor of their dead brother.

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The funeral of Mrs. Francis Vaughn, who died at her home, 715 Market street, Saturday night, at 8:30, was held at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Monday afternoon, at 2:30. Services were conducted by Rev. Boone Johnson.

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The Women's Improvement Club will meet Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Julia Shores', on Chestnut street. The president will make a report of the proceedings at Henderson. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Mrs. Leon Snowden, secretary.

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The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Haydon, who died at her residence on Campbell street on Thursday night, was held at the Evergreen Baptist Church, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. J. Myers conducted the services. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

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Members of the Charity Organization are requested to meet at Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon, December 19, at 2:30 o'clock, at which time the election of officers will be held and other business transacted. W. S. C. Haydon is president.

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Lincoln Lodge, No. 10, F. and A. M., has elected the following officers for 1910: M. F. Clay, W. M.; H. D. Williams, S. W.; G. E. Coleman, J. W.; T. J. Wilson, treasurer; J. W. Coleman, secretary; W. H. Mayor, Jr., S. D.; S. B. Griffen, J. D.; E. E. Hawkins, S. S.; G. S. Ross, J. S.; G. W. Blythe, chaplain; L. C. Johnson, tyler.

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St. Paul A. M. E. Church has a special program for Sunday afternoon and evening. The church will be beautifully decorated with flowers all day and special music provided. The pastor, Rev. E. A. Clarke, will preach both services. In the afternoon a "double bill" has been arranged. At 3 o'clock sharp Dr. W. H. Ballard will read a paper on the social and industrial welfare of the race, entitled "Optimism and Pessimism." A large hearing is asked for this important address, and be on time, as a second address follows at 4 o'clock.

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Lexington Lodge, No. 27, I. B. P. O. E. W., has elected the following officers to serve during the year 1910: Exalted ruler, Keene Richard Hayes; esteemed leading knight, Greene G. Buckner; loyal knight, Clarence Jackson; lecturing knight, Jesse Martin; secretary, John L. Berryman; assistant secretary, Lawrence Harris; inner guard, Moses Brown; esquire, Clarence Shy; treasurer, Henry Ross; trustees, Othia Hall, Richard Riffe, Felix Peyton, Richard Miller, Philip Broadus; medical examiner, Dr. T. T. Wendell.

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Mr. Edward Norris, of 117 Patterson street, met with a very painful accident Saturday morning, at the Sunnyside saloon, where he was working as porter. Shortly after 9 o'clock the building was completely wrecked by a natural gas explosion. Mr. Norris was blown through a large plate glass window and hurled to the street, some twenty feet away. Mr. Norris was picked up and carried to a drug store across the street. After a close examination he was found to be not seriously hurt, only a few bruises about the face and hands. He was taken home in a cab by friends.

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The Altar Guild of St. Andrews Episcopal Church will hold its annual bazaar in the kindergarten department of the church, on West Fourth street, Thursday and Friday nights, December 16 and 17, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be an oyster supper each night. Kentucky and Baltimore oysters will be served. There will also be a "postoffice," a grab bag, fortune telling and an animal show. On Friday night there will be a spelling contest, with first and second prizes. All children from the eighth grade down will be eligible to enter. As the bazaar is held for the benefit of the church, the liberal patronage of our friends is respectfully requested.

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Chandler Normal School will give a W. C. T. U. silver medal contest in St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Thursday, December 16, at 8 p. m. The program will consist of the temperance declamation by the contesting class, fine musical selections by the orchestra and normal chorus, and an address that will be of special interest to all parents and educators, by Mr. Mahn, superintendent of the Associated Charities. There will be charged a small admission fee of ten cents to cover necessary expenses. Since the object of these W. C. T. U. contests is to awaken interest in temperance and all providence movements, those who have the welfare of the young people at heart should give them their most cordial support.

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"Building a Man" was the subject of an address by Rev. T. L. Barlow, of the State University of Louisville, at the meeting of the Colored Y. M. C. A., at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Sunday, December 12. Rev. Barlow is one of the most eloquent pulpit orators of the State. His lectures are forcible and pointed, his earnest presentation, with his natural eloquence, holding his hearers under his power from the moment he begins till he ends. The Anti-Saloon League of Kentucky recognizes his ability and has an arrangement with him by which this organization secures his services in every contest in the State. His lecture was pronounced by the press and public to be the best of his productions. There was special singing by the Y. M. C. A. chorus and quartette. The feature of the singing was a jubilee led by Rev. W. A. Jones.

MADAM E. AZALIA HACKLEY

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this country, and so well has he made good that his proprietors think him to be among the best in the business. He is not only an advance agent, but a graduate of the "new school of journalism." His advance notices of the "Red Moon" company are gems of literature. Mr. Corker will meet many of his friends while sojourning in this city. He was a guest at the Fitzbutler stag.

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Mrs. J. E. Brown, 1216 West Green street, has returned from a trip through Virginia. Mrs. Brown reports that she visited most of the largest cities in that State and was given a royal reception. At one time Mrs. Brown lived in Virginia. She expects to return again next summer. Mr. J. E. Brown, husband of Mrs. Brown, is the agent of the Richmond Planet in this city. Both are very popular people.

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We especially call the attention of the Louisville readers of The Freeman to the issue of December 25. The Freeman can be found at P. C. Martin's news stand, Tenth and Chestnut streets; People's Drug Store, Twelfth and Chestnut streets; Blue Grass Restaurant, 1117 West Walnut street, 423 South Ninth street, 420 South Fifth street, and Jesse Palmer, agent.

"David, the Shepherd Boy," was given Tuesday night, at Jacob Street Tabernacle, and was a howling success. Dr. Wilson Ballard, Dr. P. M. Flack and Mrs. Lizzie Evans were among the promoters.

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Mr. P. C. Dix, State secretary of the executive committee of the Y. M. C. A., will deliver an address to the mammoth men's meeting, Sunday, at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, Ninth and Walnut streets.

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Bishop Charles E. Woodcock will deliver a special sermon at the Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Savior, Christmas morning at 8 o'clock. High mass will be sung by an augmented vested choir and solos will be given by Miss Lauretta Dodd and Dr. Wilson Ballard, and organ selections by Miss Susie Brannon. The public is cordially invited to be present at the services.

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The semi-professionals will give a ball on Monday night, December 20, at Odd Fellows' Hall. On December 30 this same organization will give a ball in honor of the "Red Moon" company. Bills are out announcing the fact that each guest will be given a handsome picture of Mrs. Ada Overton Walker. James and Joe Clark and Glover Compton are the managers of the entertainment.

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The monthly report of the branch library, Tenth and Chestnut streets, was issued last Saturday. During the month of November 7,321 books were borrowed, which showed an increase of 914 over that of October. The library was also visited by delegates to the annual session of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries of North America, which was held in the auditorium of the library. A large batch of postal cards have been loaned the library, showing scenes from Italy, France, Egypt and other countries, and from this selection the librarian gives short talks to the children. The report for November follows:

Number of visitors to library	4,871
Number of books borrowed	7,231
Number of persons holding readers' cards	5,345
Attendance at story hour	326
Percentage of fiction circulated	36

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Proud indeed are the young men of Louisville to welcome home Dr. James H. Fitzbutler, one of Kentucky's leading sons, a young man of merit, intelligence and ability as a physician. He comes home after spending several years in the Philippine Islands as a government physician. Word comes that he has made a fine record in the islands, and as an appreciation of Dr. Fitzbutler's high standing and worth, his fellow-townsmen have planned a banquet in this city for Friday night, December 17, at the home of Spencer Taylor, 826 West Magazine street. Many of the most prominent young men of the city have been asked to take part in the affair, and from what can be learned, it will be the finest function of its kind ever given in Louisville. It will be given under the management of Prof. James R. Harris. Toasts will be given by each guest, and Dr. Fitzbutler will close the speaking on the subject, "The World Is My Country."

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Among the delegates to the Conference: George L. Knox, Indianapolis, Ind.; Thos. E. Taylor, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. E. N. Perkins, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. B. Watson, Atlanta, Ga.; W. J. Trent, Asheville, N. C.; Harvey A. Onque, New Orleans, La.; Lewis E. Johnson, Washington, D. C.; L. H. Hall, Salisbury, N. C.; M. C. Whitehead, Salisbury, N. C.; Dr. R. E. Jones, New Orleans, La.; C. L. Rawlings, Frankfort, Ky.; W. L. Shobe, Frankfort, Ky.; A. L. Bridwell, Frankfort, Ky.; J. D. Stevenson, Tuskegee, Ala.; P. A. Goins, Orange, N. J.; Prof. Boyd Prillerman, Institute, W. Va.; R. N. Brooks, Greensboro, N. C.; Chas. T. Hayes, Selma, Ala.; Bishop Geo. W. Clinton, Charlotte, N. C.; S. J. Leverett, Knoxville, Tenn.; Larnie Leonard, Talladega, Ala.; Chaplain J. W. Whittaker, Tuskegee, Ala.; Dr. Wm. Russell, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. S. S. Carathers, Nashville, Tenn.; D. Dunlap, Bluefield, W. Va.; F. Quinn, Lawrenceville, Va.; E. C. Mitchell, Atlanta, Ga.; Lawyer J. T. Sanders, Charlotte, N. C.; Neal A. Bridges, Atlanta, Ga.

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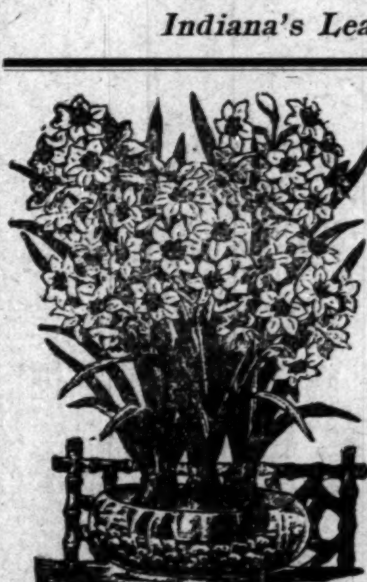

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Additional Stage News on Page Six.

During the month of December The Freeman will be sent in clubs of one or more at the rate of $1.00 a year.

Mrs. Henrietta Saparo, of 812 East Forty-first street, Chicago, Ill., is spending the winter in her old home, Tampa, Fla.

Taylor and Taylor, of the C. V. B. A., were in Washington last week with their big act, "Five Park Americans." The act was a hit.

J. Ed Green is reported to be rational again and much better, and his friends are eagerly and anxiously waiting and hoping for his recovery.

Charlie H. McKenzie, who plays a very prominent part with Bert A. Williams' "Lode of Koal" Company, still makes good as Sing Link, the court messenger.

Pleas L. Jenkins, trombone soloist with Allen's Minstrels, has just ordered a Holton special gold trombone of Frank Holton & Co., Chicago, costing $120. Regards to the profession.

Clever Billy Young, of the Wm. McCabe Troubadours, arrived in St. Paul, Minn., on the 9th, from Little Rock, Ia., a very sick man. He was taken suddenly and violently ill with cold, bordering on pneumonia, also severe throat trouble. He is under good medical treatment, however, and convalescing, and hopes to soon be in ship shape to battle behind the glare of the footlights. His association has been of the pleasantest nature with Wm. McCabe's company, and should he not rejoin them he wishes them success in every way.

ROUTES.

Cole and Johnson's "Red Moon" Company—Week of Dec. 19, Walnut Street Theater, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Lowery-Morgan Minstrels—Sandoval, Ill., Dec. 20; eBnton, 21; West Frankfort, 22; Johnston City, 23; Herrin, 24, Marion, 25.

Frank Kirk—Week of Dec. 20, St. Paul, Minn.

Black Patti Musical Comedy Company—Ensley, Ala., Dec. 20; Birmingham, 21; Talladega, 22; Tuscaloosa, 23; Meridian, 24; Demopolis, 25.

THE GRAND THEATER, CHICAGO.

This week the Grand presents Joe Simms' Honey Bunch Minstrels, assisted by Manzie Campbell, Shelton Brooks, Henry Sapiro, Alberta Perkins, Mae Allen, Ethel Jacobs and Williams and Smith. The show is a knockout. The Grand is still king of Dehomey Stroll.

THE McNEILS CLOSE AT LINCOLN THEATER.

McNeil and McNeil, comedy sketch artists, have just closed a successful engagement at the Lincoln Theater, Memphis, Tesn., and are now in Atlanta, Ga., playing at Luna Park, where the team is making a great success.

L. VERA AND GANT MAKING GOOD, THEY SAY.

Dramatic Editor THE FREEMAN.

We see where L. Vera and Gant are putting on another play called "Uncle Rube." From the looks of things, he must be doing well down behind the sun. That's right, Vera; stay where the sun shines, but don't forget old New York.

BY A TOURIST.

GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

We played Vicksburg, the home of many well-known friends to the profession, and were highly entertained by a host of old friends. A swell smoker was pulled off for the entire company. David D. Smith says he could stand to play there again, and the whole bunch say they would not mind having that same time over. The boys who gave this swell affair were: Will Terrell, Henry Graves, Frank Jones, J. W. Jones and a bunch of others, and the Vicksburg band and orchestra.

REPORT OF MONEY TAKEN IN FOR J. SETTLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir—I want to thank the friends who gave and were kind to the late James Settle. I also want them to know how much was collected for him and by whom, as you know he died without insurance or belonging to any lodge.

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J. M. Moore	$40.25
H. Johnson	9.65
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Mr. Settle was buried in Lutheran Cemetery, November 15, 1909. A wife and child survive him.

Yours respectfully,
EURETTA SETTLE.

PREPARING NEW PROGRAM.

William A. Robison, violin virtuoso, is preparing a new program of select violin solos, by such composers as De Beriot, D'Agostino, Alard and others well known in the violin world, that he will soon offer the public. Besides being a fine soloist, Mr. Robison is a capable orchestra leader, having held the responsible position of orchestra leader with Richards & Pringle's Minstrels since 1906. The orchestra now on tour with this company is one of the many pleasing features offered by this large company, and contains such well-known musicians as William A. Robison, director and first violin; Morris P. Ford, second violin; William Israel, bass; Clarence P. Jones, flute and piccolo; Leonard Gaines, clarinet; Sylvester Williams, clarinet; William Triggs, cornet; George Williams, cornet; Fred W. Simpson, trombone; Walter Watkins, saxaphone; Fred Clay, traps.

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ABOARD A. G. ALLEN'S PRIVATE CAR, "IDA MAY."

P. L. Jenkins writes:

We are again in dear old Georgia, among the pine trees, and the boys are all shipping their Christmas presents to their loved ones daily. Garfield McGehee, the redoubtable droll comedian, left December 13 to spend Christmas at home, and we one and all wish him a merry Christmas. Robt. H. Gant sends regards to R. Roy Pope and Prof. Jas. Wolfscales. Ellwood Johnson sends regards to the profession and wishes all a merry Christmas. C. Adam Larose, female impersonator, characterizing as Kitty the maid, has joined hands with J. W. Hamilton, posing as His Honor, the Bellboy, forming the team of Hamilton and Larose. Their act, entitled "The Bellboy and the Maid," rouses the house to frantic applause at each appearance. Regards to all. Fred Kewley sends regards to all friends. Joe Means and Walter Long, write, care of The Freeman. Pearl Moppin is back at his post again, after an illness of a few days' duration. B. F. Stevens and G. B. Brooks send regards to R. O. Henderson and wife. Prof. McCammon sends best regards to Artha L. Prince and Frank Miller, and wishes all a merry Christmas adn a happy New Year. Norriss Grigsby sends regards to Bismarck Ferris.

CULLIGAN AND LACY'S NASHVILLE STUDENTS.

We are touring the Western States, and business is far above the average. We carry eighteen people. All double in band and orchestra or on stage. There is no other colored show in this section, therefore we have the field, and the boys are quite anxious to see the jigs. The minstrel first part is quick and devilish. The olio runs like clockwork. Artha L. Prince opens with his difficult trombone solos, featuring his triple-tongue trick cadenza. Next comes Pete Woods, the humorous monologuist, followed by the Maple City Quartette. Then comes Clarence Macklin, Philadelphia's champion buck and wing acrobatic dancer. The Juggling Princes close the olio with hoops, clubs and boomerangs flying in every direction. A glimpse at Negrodom, featuring Bud Smith, a Frisco comedian, leaves them all screaming. The Nashville Students will come East in the spring. Joe Patton sends regards to Kansas City friends.

THE TAFT THEATER AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

The Taft's Amusement Company opened at Odd Fellows' Hall, Thirteenth and Walnut, to crowded houses. The Taft's Amusement Company has endeavored to give our people polite vaudeville and moving pictures. From the size of the audiences it shows that our people will pay for value received. Mr. Luther Edwards, our manager, wore a smile that wouldn't come off. Crowded houses at both performances. After the moving pictures Miss Estella Stovall sang and danced her way into the hearts of the large crowd. Hobo Adams made a great hit with the audience with his difficult tricks. Mr. Adams will play the Western Circuit the balance of the season and will certainly make good. Lovie and Nettie Taylor, the fashion plates, made a decided hit. Their wardrobe was the finest seen in Louisville. Mr. Taylor certainly made good with the feminine sex. The closing act of Clarke and Taylor was the hit of the show. Mr. Clarke's droll humor, with Mr. Taylor's conversational qualities, makes it difficult to find two better laugh provokers. Messrs. Clarke and Taylor have just closed a very successful six weeks' engagement at the Empire Theater, West Baden, Ind. They are open for engagements January 1. As a whole, the show was the best seen in Louisville in a long time. Luther Edwards is manager.

THE PROFESSION AT LEXINGTON.

The bill at the Pekin Theater last week was exceptionally good. Mrs. Nettie Taylor and son Lovelle were the feature attraction on the bill. They made a big hit. They are singing "Lovins Dovins" and "Derby Day" with great success.

Miss Mollie Robinson, of Louisville, closed a very successful week at the Pekin Theater at Lexington. She scored a big hit, singing "You'll Come Back" and "Wild Cherry Rag."

Scott and Crosby will be seen at the Pekin the week of December 13-20. William Major is still singing illustrated songs at the Pekin, introducing some very fine new numbers.

Chas. J. Parker will not be seen on the bill at the Pekin for the next two or three weeks, owing to an over-rush in business. Mr. Parker sends regards to Hy Jerry Byrnes, James Crosby and Geo. W. Rowland, and would like to hear from the "old bunch" who played in Lexington a few seasons ago.

James H. Foster, a veteran showman of Lexington, who has been out of the business for two or three years, says things in Lexington look "good" to him, and the indications are that Lexington will soon have a new colored vaudeville house.

Minstrel Morris, the "tramp juggler," who has been playing at the Pekin Theater, will leave for Chicago soon.

PROFESSION AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

BY P. J. COOPER.

Byron Bros. are still at the College Inn.

Prof. Allen Robison, the trombonist, write.

Mr. Geo. Weaver's Mandolin Trio has arrived from the East.

Don't fail to get a copy of the Christmas number of The Freeman. Date, December 25.

The Odd Fellows' Band give their first grand concert at Liedertafel Hall, December 26. All invited.

Mrs. Nora Wilkins, wife of Prof. Nathan Wilkins, wishes to hear from him. Business of importance.

Wanted: Poor people to send their children to the Catholic Colored Mission, 530 State street. Good clothing (new) free.

Mrs. Lillian Bradford, widow of Harry Bradford, is visiting her mother and friends, but will return to New York City shortly.

Be sure to attend high mass at midnight, Christmas Eve, December 24, and bring all the children Christmas day. Presents for all.

Messrs. James Coleman and Walter Revels, Jr., formerly of A. Martin's Uncle Tom's Cabin Company, will be identified with P. J. Cooper's "Chocolate Drops," which will give two performances January 16, under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Catholic Mission.

The citizens of Milwaukee laud Mr. J. L. Slaughter highly for the stand he has always taken against the use of the word "nigger" in his place of business, which is causing such a fuss in New York at present. We hope all others will do likewise, and may Mr. Slaughter's good works live forever.

"THE RED MOON."

Cole and Johnson, in "The Red Moon," are at the Par kall this week, drawing large crowds and winning fresh laurels because of their superb acting. We do not exaggerate when we place the Cole and Johnson show on an equal footing with any of the white shows of like character. This much is granted by critics far more able than ourselves, and because this is the fact they should be applauded by the race and encouraged by liberal patronage wherever they may go. All through the performance one can discover that Messrs. Cole and Johnson are studious, and are endeavoring to attain perfection in their chosen profession. This is particularly noticeable in the music department and regrettably absent in the elocutionary department. Cole himself would appear to a better advantage if he would speak louder and more distinct; lack of expression sometimes spoils the effect of his well-aimed jokes and the merriment they evoke. Leona Marshall as Minnehaha must not be judged too critically, for we detected that she was suffering from a bad cold, but she didn't seem to act as well as when she appeared last year. Frank Brown sang well, but seems a little stiff and conventional in acting, but we are pleased to note how well he is looking. It is generally conceded that Johnson is a better composer and interpreter than an actor; he is, however, making advance in his special parts. In the theatrical world the "finales" of this show are being highly commented upon, and it seems to be the consensus of opinion that they are excelsior, and so they are, for they excite more admiration at the close than they do at the opening; their climaxes are simply superb. We think the presentation of the airship is labored, and really seems a misfit. There are many points of excellence to this show, and it is remarkable what a hold it has on the people everywhere, but at no place are they more popularly received than in Indianapolis. We heartily congratulate the Cole and Johnson Company upon the rapid strides they are making in theatrical lines, and assure them of The Freeman's best wishes for a long and prosperous career.

THE LUNA PARK THEATER, ATLANTA, GA.

This house opened November 15, and has been doing a great business ever since, in spite of opposition and bad weather. Paul Carter, the popular stage manager, has selected some of the best talent in the country to furnish amusement, and is still breaking them in. P. A. Thomas, the general manager, does not hesitate in handing out the money to the good acts. The McNeals, of New Orleans, just arrived. They are a riot. The Raineys are here with some new songs and funny jokes. Miss Willie, the Florida soubrette, has only been here two weeks, and she is a favorite. Miss Pauline Crampton, the lady baritone, is wonderful. The two Southern Picks do all the dancing any one wants to see. The team of May and Kelly, singing and dancing comedians, is the talk of the town. Butler May "grabbed" the audience, the first night he worked, with his funny dancing and his own song, "Mary Jane." The Carters, Paul and Mamie, opened with something new to these audiences, singing through megaphones, and their voices rang like chimes. Our orchestra is under the leadership of R. B. Howard, and he furnishes good music, too.

Mr. P. A. Thomas, manager, and Paul Carter, amusement director, expect to have a chain of houses soon in adjoining towns. This will be known as the Three-link Circuit. The male members of this theater attended a stag, Wednesday night, at the office of A. S. Williams. Those present were: Geo. W. Tate, mail carrier; R. E. Phorrow, contractor; Bud White, R. V. Shells, hotel keeper, and Lawyer Johnson; P. A. Thomas, manager of Luna Park Theater; Paul Carter, amusement director; Butler May, star comedian; Wm. Rainey, John McNeal, R. B. Howard, Buster Porter and the Southern Pickaninnies. Refreshments were served, finishing up with smoking and a welcome handshake. The company sends regards to all friends. Paul Carter would like to hear from his old partner, Charles McKenzie, with "Lode of Koal" Company.

C. V. B. A. AND NEW YORK NOTES.

BY W. S. BALL.

McKissic opens at the Fourteenth Street Theater next week.

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John Rucker is laying off this week and next week, in Providence.

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The Marshalls, James R. and Eva F., are starting in on their time at Paterson, N. J.

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Sam King is improving very fast, and we hope to see him before the footlights again soon.

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Harry Brown opened in Fall River this week. Next week he will be in Attleborough, Mass.

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Brother Geo. Hamilton, with five girls, opened at the Metropolis, Sunday night, for Hurtiz & Seamon.

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We have on our sick list J. Gones, 148 West 133d street, and Dan Frazer, in Bellevue Hospital. Brothers, do not forget these two members.

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Black Carl is back at his old job at the door of the Metropolitan Opera House. Carl is always hustling, and consequently always doing something.

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The C. V. B. A. Orchestra has postponed the rehearsal, and Manager Harry M. Stout wishes to hear from C. V. B. A. bass players and violinists.

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Brother Clarmont's wife is convalescing, having been ill for two weeks, and with her husband's care and Dr. Cooper's she will be out in another week.

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Brother De Croone, better known as Mr. Dick, banqueted Will Ball up at Marshall's. Well, old Dick turned them on with wine and Welsh rarebit.

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Bob and Jim Slater send their regards to Kenner and Lewis, and would like to have them made members of the C. V. B. A. How is that, Cakey and Pecock?

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Acts with open time: Davis and Walker, The Claybrooks, Tom Fletcher, George Hamilton, Dixie Serenaders, Smith and Smith, Martain and Fox, Black and Jones.

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Brothers, look out. Brother Sam Davis knows all the salaries, so do not come to the C. V. B. A. headquarters and say that you are geting $350, when you are only getting $90.

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At the meeting of the C. V. B. A. last Tuesday there were only two applicants, and both were rejected, one on account of his age and the other because he did not have the doctor's certificate.

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Brother Harry Haynes, of the Dixie Serenaders, is going to have the knot tied, and the C. V. B. A. Orchestra is going to play the wedding march for them. Go on, Harry, and commit suicide.

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Brother, your picture is not acceptable if it is not accompanied with a frame. You know this is mandatory, having been passed by the association, so please obey the order, and you will be a good member.

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King and Bailey are going very big as the two principals in "The Chocolate Drops." The Variety says that they are considered by Mr. Burt Williams as the coming comedians. Go on with them, boys.

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McKissic and Shadney have just arrived in town, after fifteen successful weeks' engagement over the Pollack & W. Morris Circuit, through Pennsylvania and Ohio, and are now playing clubs around New York.

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A singing contest was held at the C. V. B. A. for a bottle of wine. The contestants were Burt Murphy, Leon Williams, Sam Davis and Bob Slater. You ought to have heard them. It was worth $100. Burt Murphy won.

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I am informed by Sam Gains' wife, of Gains and Brown, that they opened great at Seattle, Wash., and that they will be at Spokane next. Go on with them, Sam. Have you seen Sam Cook yet? Don't forget to drop a line.

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Well, Fiddler and Shelton leave us for the West, Sunday, and do not expect to be with us any more until June. May the hand of Providence guide them. And boys, be true to the cause and always remember you are members of the C. V. B. A. A little news now and then will do us good.

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I had a quiet chat with Brother Shelton the other day, and I found him very interesting. Old boy Shelton is up on every subject that comes along. If you want to get a few points, get Rubbie quietly and start the Negro question, and all through the discussion you will find that Rubbie is not prejudiced.

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Brother J. M. Moore is getting his minstrel company together to open at Huber's Museum the week of December 27, 1909. The company will have fourteen people, and will include James Towel, Maud Baptist, Maud Robinson, Etta Gross, Edith Roliston, Bertha Clark, Daisy Brown and Mayme Robinson.

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By the way, brothers, the C. V. B. A. cried "Eureka!" when Dr. Cooper joined us, and when you send for him he will not ask you as soon as he enters where he is going to get his money from, but goes right to work to relieve you of your suffering, and whenever the Doctor meets a brother now he cries "Excelsior!"

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Brother Fiddler was out with the boys, and he became very interested in the various discussions about the show business with President Leon Williams, Sam Davis, Joe Button, Harry Hayns, Burt Murphy, Bob Slater, George Hamilton and Will Ball. The conversation became very heated, with comedy reigning supreme, and Burt Murphy was the king jester.

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There was a birthday reception given in honor of the father of Mrs. Wells and Mrs. King, at the latter's home, 2078 Pitin avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. The people present were McKisick and Shadney, Mr. and Mrs. Motlie E. Jupiter, Master Paul Edwards, Mr. Albert Jupiter of Boston, Mr. Toney Doyle of Boston. After refreshments a musical program was arranged, as follows: Baby Wells, "Down Among the Sugar Cane;" Mr. Wells, violin solo from Verder; Mrs. King, piano solo; Miss Shadney, "Miss Mexico;" Sam King, bass solo.

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Well, brothers, our honorable brother has closed. This is the first time in years, or rather, excepting by death, the first time in thirty years. The place is one of the colored landmarks of New York City, and there will be many people surprised when they arrive in New York and find John B. Nail's closed; 450 Sixth avenue will be no more for the colored showmen and waiters and club men.

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The Carmine Theater advertised a big act called "The Mississippi Serenaders," headed by Delaney and Nash. Well, I saw this act, and it was rotten. No wonder good people cannot get any money for big acts in this small town, because these agents can hand them anything. Look out, managers; if you want some good acts and will pay the money, don't put it through some middle men, but come direct to the C. V. B. A.

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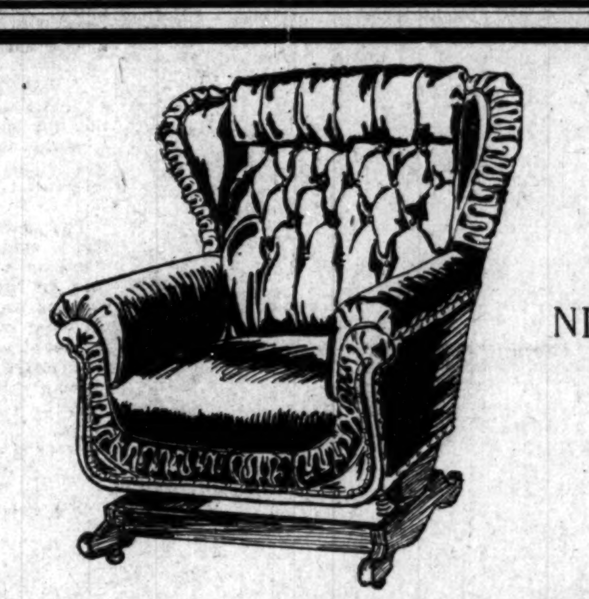

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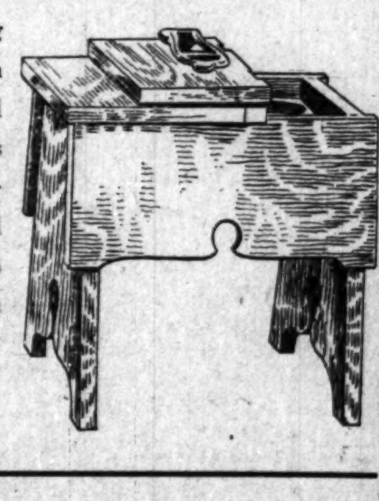

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THE STAGE

HAVE YOU FOUND IT?

The announcement appearing in this issue, telling of some of the good things that are to appear in the big Christmas number. Read it, and then send in your order for this number. Also get your cuts and write-ups or "ads." ready before December 18.

OLIVER S. EDWARDS' MEXICO MINSTRELS.

The company is still playing to packed houses every night. The company is getting along fine. Mr. Campadare Sanders has joined the company. He is a wonderful comedian, making good with his line of work. Miss Alice Austin, our singing and dancing soubrette is pleasing all with her new songs. She is singing "I Hate to Tell My Troubles."

Oliver is stage manager and leading comedian, and keeps the audience laughing from start to finish. Mr. Ben Gordon is our silver barytone songster, taking many encores; also Mrs. "Rastus" Jones, our leading lady, still holds her own with her line of work, making good with her latest songs, singing "Malbylee" and "Sweet Blue Flather"—taking many encores. Her dancing is very graceful.

The "bunch" sends regards to all, in and out of the profession.

GEM THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

We had on for the last part of the week an act entitled "East Bound Trolley Car," which was a scream. The car jumped the track in the last show and knocked Mr. Johnie Wood's thumb out of place, but it is better now. Johnnie Woods and Willie Too Sweet were running the car—motorman and conductor. Mr. Woods would like to hear from Tim Moore, of Moore and Moore, at once. Ransom and Ransom would like to hear from them also. Miss Floyd Fisher and Sallie, Susie and Rosie, our soubrettes, send regards to Willie Owens and H. Henry Hunt. Kid McCoy is back again and doing fine. Miss Lida Too Sweet's new play is great. Our stage manager, Willie Too Sweet, is rehearsing his Christmas show, which will be "Great Populariety Dream." All the "bunch" is well and show is doing a good business. The "boss" is pleased and the ghost is walking.

FLORIDA BLOSSOM MINSTREL.

The show is in Mississippi and is playing to S. R. O. The show-going people say we have the best show of its kind on the road. Mr. Lonnie Fisher, our characteristic artist, keeps the audience in an uproar of laughter from start to finish. Mrs. Kate Price is taking encores, singing "Lonesome." Miss Hester Wallace is still cleaning with "I'm So Glad I'm Brown Skin Chocolate to the Bone." George Crump, our interloctor, that can only be touched by his so-said superiors, sends regards to the profession. Clarence Stewart, Florida's famous comedian, is cleaning with his new song, "There is Only One Thing That Troubles Me and That's My Appetite." Chink Floid is taking numerous encores with his wonderful song and dance. Master Coyden Herndon, the youngest hoop roller on the stage today, is keeping his audience spell-bound with his ghost-walking hoops. Master Herndon is keeping five hoops on his body at once, all in motion, and is making one hoop walk five strings. Regards to Moppins Tutt Whitney, write.

Joe White and Lonnie Fisher, the sensational snare drummers, are doing a drum duet and its a scream. Sam Cohen, our popular announcer that changes the minds of the people on the outside, says hello Pat Chappell. Joe Miller sends regards to Allen's bunch. Leroy Knox says G. W. Allen, D. R. White write. All sends regards to the profession.

THE ORGANIZATION OF A BENEFICIAL PROFESSIONAL CLUB.

The Darktown Swells, while showing at Elberton, Ga., November 22d (Mr. Robt. C. White's birthday), were tendered a magnificent birthday banquet. The guests comprised the best people of the county. Around the sumptuous festive board sat doctors, lawyers and other respected gentlemen (white and colored). The menu is too long to mention, but the wines added zest to the meal. There were speeches and toasts galore by members of the Darktown Swells, and some of their distinguished guests. At this juncture Prof. Robert C. White suggested the organization of a beneficial club, which was heartily agreed upon and sanctioned by all present, and at this instant a club was organized for all distresed troopers that are members of the club. The Darktown Swells is the foundation of the club. The officers were elected the first meeting as follows: Prof. Robt. C. White, president; Mr. J. L. Harris (white gentleman with the company), vice-president; Wm. Fountroy, treasurer; Mr. Joe. O. Hogeman, secretary. Offices open for recording secretary and traveling agent and chairman, hoping to hear from all members of the profession, white and colored, as our aim is to make this club universal as well as beneficial. All letters directed to Prof. Robt. White, manager Darktown Swells, care FREEMAN, will be promptly answered, giving full particulars.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., EXCHANGE THEATER.

We are putting on the strongest show of the city, a comedy drama. The characters in this play are Mr. William West, Mr. Buddie Glenn, Mr. Monroe Tabor and Billy Reeves. The ladies: Miss Beulah Henderson, Emma Thornton, one of the wives, and plays her part well. Miss Virgie Deow sings "Just My Style" in a pleasing manner.

Miss Mines, the second wife, is just fine, and plays her part well.

Mr. Geo. Robinson, our scenery painter and carpenter, is the best in the city, and one of the best in the State; and also an electrician—a good man for the house. Mr. Baxter did not make a mistake in giving him the job.

Monroe Tabor, our tenor, is doing fine as "Mr. Lamont, the swell guy."

Mrs. Emma Hines is what you may call a FREEMAN friend, and she "balls" Mr. Tabor out if he does not bring her a FREEMAN.

Miss Ada Thompson is a raving maniac over the FREEMAN. When Tabor asked her to let him see the mail list she said: "Why I have not got time."

Our last act is being staged by Mr. Tabor, and is a scream from start to finish. Messrs. West and Glenn play "some" old lady and old man.

Miss Sweety Matthews sends regards to Kenner and Lewis, and says write.

Miss Beulah Henderson says "Hello William Henderson, are you reading the FREEMAN?"

RETIRES FROM STAGE TO FOUND PERFORMERS' HEADQUARTERS.

Mr. Ben Young, formerly of the team of Young and Hohman, or "The Two Bens," and widely known as the pair who have the distinction of being the only lads to leave home inexperienced as entertainers and to go right into "Dahomey" (State street, Chicago), and make good—become a real scream—has returned to this city only to establish a theatrical headquarters at 519 Indiana avenue, a popular part of this town.

It was not because Messrs. Young and Hohman were not a success as performers, but it was due to Mr. Young's ill health that he retired after establishing such an enviable reputation as a first-class actor. Being widely known in New York and other large cities, he has found it never impossible to receive an engagement, for there is never a day that passes by but what he does not receive mail to that effect.

On Nov. 22 Mr. Young opened the doors of what he wishes to have known as the "Performers' Rest." At this opening there were a large number of the profession present to see what Ben Young's idea was in "inviting them up" and before the afternoon wore away they were completely satisfied. They got on to his idea—one that he had been figuring on for years—and they pronounced it great. Plenty of music, amusements and accommodations of all sorts in Young's place. You know there are certain things that a performer wants from such places, and it takes a performer to know those wants. Well, Ben has been around some, and of course he is a graduate in that line. If you don't want cigars or tobacco, shines or baths, which he carries in his department, and you are looking for a swell place to dine, why he will direct you to the next stop in the same building, where his mother does good cooking for private parties or for the one who likes to "set on the stool and eat a lunch," having two dining rooms for that purpose.

Mr. Young intends to give "the boys" a nice time during the Xmas week, and extends a large invitation to everybody to call and give him a handshake to see what your idea is of the "Performers' Rest."

WM. BENBOW'S ALABAMA CHOCOLATE DROPS.

We have just received our new costumes for our first part. The show is getting stronger each night. Wm. Benbow has just closed a contract with three Southern parks to put the bunch in the coming season. Our company has 18 people in all, and all workers. We have two or three more stands in Georgia, and then we will go to Alabama for a few stands, then to Mississippi.

FIRST PART.

Bones—Will Bell, Dave Perclus.
Tambos—Lewis Hines, Kid Jones.
Interlocutor—Jemes Miles.
Opening Overture by Prof. Smith's orchestra.

—Musical Numbers—

"Carrie"—Lewis Hines.
"Black Salome"—Belor Young.
"Come Right In"—Dave Perdue.
"Sadie Salome"—Jessie Berney.
"Yankee Doodle Town"—By Company.
Finale first part.

OLIO.

"If Good Eating Gwine to Kill Me, I'm Ready to Die"—Wm. Benbow.
"Good Evening, Caroline"—Young and Hines.
"eBautiful Eyes"—Laru Blackburn.
Bell & Perdue—"The Baseball Fans."

CLOSING AFTERPART.

"Camp Meeting on Frog Island."

Parson Giva Dam	Will Bell
Aunt Dinah Lee	Dave Perdue
Tough Lize	Jessie Burney
Bad Pete	Lewis Hines
Policeman Dogan	Will Strozer
Miss Jennie Flip	Belor Young
Willie the Dude	Jas. Miles

Closing by Wm. Benbow,
"Who Throwed that Brick?"
GOOD NIGHT.

FROM ACROSS THE FOOTLIGHTS.

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

Having had the opportunity of meeting many performers in the last eight or ten years, I feel that I ought to know something of their ways and manners by this time. The other day a member of the profession dropped into this office, and after being invited to a seat, began a discussion about Negro performers, their whims and manners. He spoke of so many of them being so illiterate and vulgar, and of some having a smattering of education and vulgarity, and a few of them—a very few of them—highly educated and vain.

Well, I think I have seen some a good deal like our caller spoke of, but I had always thought that traveling had much to do with the temper of any person, and yet that hasn't all, if anything, to do with a performer or anyone else being disdainful in good company.

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"As a rule, our performers run about too much," says the barber shop lounger the other day. "Why, they never go to bed, and they drink, smoke and eat too much, don't you think?" I replied that there were some exceptions, and thought him very much right when it came to the majority of the profession. But we can not lay a claim of that sort on all of them. Take Black Patti, for one; you always find her in her private car immediately after each performance, and there she stays until it is nearly time for the next performance. S. H. Dudley, S. Tutt Whitney and Sam Lucas are actors who have the "rest idea." That is the main reason Cole and Johnson always are fresh upon the stage—because they know what a good night's slumber means to the brain and the health in general. If they are invited out, they make their stay short because they imagine there is more good in spending their hours off the stage out of the night air, in some cozy room, preparing some new song or play that is bound to become popular.

MABEL HITE STEALS FROM MISS BLUFORD.

I read in a New York paper that Mabel Hite had added Miss Theresa L. Bluford's (of Carter and Bluford) "Indian Maiden" to her list of imitations, and what is more, Miss Hite uses it to close the act, but does not give credit to Miss Bluford, as she does the other originals of her imitations. Well, I think Miss Bluford should not be shocked at that, because the general run of white vaudeville singers and dancers are ever imitating some certain colored act, because it is easier to imitate than it is to originate. You see, Miss Hite was then working at Hammerstein's in New York, and of course she had to put on something good and strong, so she used a little Carter and Bluford, and everything went fine!

HARPER, SMITH & CO.

Billy Harper, Chris Smith and a good-looking young lady have combined and are putting on a fifteen minutes' rare treat act in New York vaudeville houses. As for music, you know what Chris Smith can do to it. They use a piano on the stage and sing something you never heard before—which is good. Then they hand out some clever comedy that gets over fine. Everybody is saying that the trio now ranks among the top notchers and will surely go big anywhere.

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Fidler and Shelton are asked to look out for the big Xmas number of The Freeman, because it would not be complete in the stage section if the sunny faces of "those two colored boys" did not appear.

WHITNEY MUSICAL COMEDY CO.

The Whitney Musical Comedy Company, headed by S. Tutt Whitney and Homer Tutt, and supported by Miss Daisy Martin, have been doing so well in New Orleans recently that they were compelled to cancel a week of their road tour. How's that! I am not surprised at all, because if you can deliver the goods you are always in great demand. That Tutt Whitney and J. Homer Tutt have always shown themselves to be clever wherever they have ben placd. I found thm so in the "Smart Set" (Eastern and Southern companies) and also in "Black Patti Troubadours." Whenever yau can find two men with live, original ideas, you can ever find them with plenty of work before them. You are going to hear of some great things of the Whitney combination. On to the North!

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Released! Will you be true when I'm gone? Yes, but don't be gone long.

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What has become of the Bruces? How I long to see them again, and a line or two would go good now, as I am holding up the Christmas issue for them.

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There are people here in Indiana by the hundreds who would like to see Elmore and Ray once more soon. One more violin solo, if you please.

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SIDNEY L. PERRIN IN ETHIOPIA—CARITA DAY INTERVIEWED—OTHER STAGE NOTES.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

CHICAGO, Ill.—The old Monogram moving pitcure theater had a novel entertainment last week when Sidney L. Perrin appeared in a one-act farce comedy with two scenes, entitled "Ethopia." Talk about fast comedy, quick wit and pleasure, why Perrin has it all. He is one of the greatest comedians of his race and hasn't got the starring bee a buzzing around his head at all. I don't know where big managers were figuring when they overlooked Sidney. If there is any better comedians now appearing in musical cemedy I would like to see them. Do you know what it means to make people scream? Well, that is what Perrin does and he does it dogged easy and whenever he pleases. He actually delivers the goods, and thats the best cure I know of for criticism. One gets sick and tired of hearing of big actors butting against the critic and chastising the colored newspapers and coaching everybody to believe that all critics are destructive, as they (the actors) move along through the happy world with a fester. What people want is something really funny and original to laugh at, and Perrin is the man that does the trick? I tell you he makes them scream! Should there be any doubt about the matter, please inquire where Perrin is playing and see him do his capers in his one act electric theater farce "Ethopia." There may be stars of greater reputation, but Perrin could be picked up by the biggest manager on Broadway, New York, to be starred at any moment and be a success. His head is not swelled and he has now arrived to an age of common sense. Many New Yorkers remember when, as a youngster, Sidney L. Perrin, of the team of Hillman & Perrin, was known only as a song writer and author of "Dinah" and "Dats the Way to Spell Chicken." It has now been discovered that Perrin is the actor who could haye succeeded the last Ernest Hogan and would have made a better impression than any other actor who ever attempted to follow him. Mr. Perrin was ably supported by Miss Goldie Crosby, his wife, a very fine looking young woman with an excellent voice as well as a fine dancer and a real actress-soubret, who could step right into any big company and make good. Sam Good, who played opposite comedy to Perrin, is also a very good comedian, and Lew LaMarr, who played the straight, sang and danced in fertile style. There was a quartet of chorus girls and one pretty feature about some colared girls is that they have crooked legs that would not be of any value in a theater of fine arts. This little chorus of four were not regular dancing girls, they were only there as an excuse, to sing and holler as a nerve tonic until Mr. Perrin could change his clothes.

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I met Carita Day one morning on her way down town to visit her booking agent. She recognized the critic at once with a how-de-do and a shake of the hand. We met on a State-street trolley. It was a large event in a small way, as you know Miss Day looks like a white lady and the car was full. But she didn't care for that. Her hair was more auburn than ever and there was more of it to keep up style, and she wore a big red picture hat. She didn't see me, but more than twice I frowned upon her hat. tI was that hat that gave out the impression that she must be some of the Frederick Douglass Ceter colored folks. I could see that Miss Day had something awful to tell me. When she began, ah and at last, she had to be discovered. People took comfort in noting that I was being addressed by a creole actress. All Miss Day's troubles were centered in the fact that her pickaninnys had become unmanageable. And, oh they worried me so, she said, with tears in her eyes that did not seem to flow. She know that she was talking to the United States of America and that was what seemed to appease her. "The boys all got the big head and thought they were the whole thing," she snapped. Her cheeks were now painted like a danger signal. "I hired a white boy to replace one of the picks," she continued, "and he was the worst little rascal of all." So she let them all go, but it has since been rumored that she has taken the picks back on trial. In the meantime she had played a date at Milwaukee alone and made a hit. Once she spoke sweetly and pathetically of the late Earnest Hogan, who had trained her to be his leading lady, but I hurriedly changed the subject by my own request. We must try to let Mr. Hogan rest and forget his name until we see it in history. Then Miss Day tackled musical comedy as a subject as we were nearing the loop down town in the thickest of the city. She spoke particularly of Aida Overton Walker as being such an excelent artist and she would like to see her as a star. I was the first to leave the car. eW were both discussing the leading question. I thought there should have been plenty of room for her with Cole & Johnson or Bert A. Williams, but there came no reply, so I finished, "as Ernest Hogan's leading lady," and tipped my hat as she shook her diamond-decorated hand goodbye. Miss Day has often been wrongfully accused on the color nonsece. Some foolish darker people of the colored race think that every mulatto wants to claim to be or try to pass as white. Intelligent light-colored women of the profession pay but little attention to this or what people think and the question of complexion in the show business all depends upon circumstances. These women cannot help or change their color. Most generally it is essential for them to be as dark as possible in musical comedy and vaudeville sketches, but as white as possible single, with "picks" or as a sister team. That is the way with the profession.

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Irvin Miler and Joe Bright have formed partnerships and gone into vaudeville.

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Prof. William C. Entry has moved from Hazleton, Pa., back to his home at Kingston, N. Y., having returned to the profession as a pianist. His wife is also an excellent singer.

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The Fountain City Quartet, Billy Green, J. D. Watts, J. Pollard and J. R. Glover, are playing holiday club dates.

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Miss Helen Goodman, the Samoan girl, has just finished engagements at Omaha, Council Bluffs and St Joseph. She will be seen in Chicago in January.

George Williams is still in the city, having finished his engagements over the Chester circuit of Green bookings. He and his partner, Miss Smith, are booked at the Grand Theater.

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Billy Caldwell and Lew W. Henry are playing over the big time on the Morris circuit

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Arthur Maxwell has returned from a successful engagement at Temple Theater, New Orleans, La., with the Williams & Stephans stock company, where he appeared as the devil in their production of "The Richest Coon in Georgia," and as the Chinaman in the "Four Wise Guys." Mr. Maxwell is the well-known Chinese comedy expert bicylist. The act is an original idea of his own, never introduced by any other performer as a specialty. He opened at the Gem Theater, Gary, Ind., on his return and is now playing dates in Chicago.

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Joe Jordan, the composer, has gone to New York to book his big act "The Pekin Graduates" and to place some new music with the publishers. The "Graduates" consist of singers, dancers and instrumentalists on string music, dressed in Southern characters, and Mr. Jordan presides at the piano. Joe has hitherto given vent to mirth while conducting an orchestra or playing on the stage. He once vexed Ernest Hogan, who called him into his dressing room and boxed his ears. They clinched. Anthony Byrd and Tom Logan parted them and Mr. Hogan was willing to forgive him the next moment. It is now high time for Mr. Jordan to grow serious.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SOME SPORTING COMMENT.

By CHARLES D. MARSHALL.

Gans says Johnnon will win easily.

Jeffries has fought only twenty-one times.

Providence police are learning jiu-jitsu wrestling.

St. Louis wants the 1910 session of the American Poultry Assaciation.

Howard University stands at the head of all schools in the game of football.

Send in your news immediately for the big sporting section of the Christmas issue.

Hopples are likely to be barred in future Chamber of Commerce Stakes at Detroit meetings.

Alfred Shrubb has won 95 out of 101 races since coming to this country nearly three years ago.

Jeffries' friends say he can not win; that he will be easily whipped if he does not improve rapidly.

Palm Beach (Florida) motor boat races will be held on Lake Worth on March 15 to 17 of next year.

An open walking match from San Francisco to New York is one of the probabilities for next season.

Neither the United States nor England are likely to send picked teams to the Olympic games at Greece next year.

All counted, 79 records of various sorts were made by amateur athletes throughout the country since November, 1908.

Nobuyo Masudo, a Japanese, and Kais Chi Li, a Chinese student at Harvard, are candidates for places on the soccer eleven.

Hoboken held the first athletic meet on September 4, 1838. The sport, however, did not become recognized until 1866, when the New York Athletic Club was organized.

SWEEP'S FATHER HEADS STALLIONS FOR 1909.

Ben Brush heads the list of winning stallions for 1909 with $66,262, Sweep being his most successful son. Plaudit, the sire of Harrigan and King James, stands second, with $64,557. Then comes Yankee, with $59,385. Woolsthorpe fourth, with $58,845; Star Shoot, $53,605; Sain, whose most successful son is Jack Atkin, is sixth, with $51,015. Ethelbert, Fitz Herbert's sire, is credited with $50,837, and Voter, the sire of Hilarious, $46,535.

GREAT FOOTBALL PLAYER APPOINTED ENGINEER

"Thunderbolt" Young, who graduated in 1905from the Engineering Department of the University of Illinois, has been recently appointed consulting engineer of the Mexican Central Railroad Company, Mexico City, Mexico. Mr. Young was the all-Western tackle for two years, and has the proud distinction of having been captain of his team in his senior year. He is a spanish scholar also, and is highly regarded by President Diaz and leading Mexican officials.

GANS PICKS JOHNSON TO WIN.

Former Lightweight Champion Says Jeffries Won't Last 25 Rounds.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Joe Gans, the former lightweight champion, who came to New York last week to witness the signing of articles for the Jeffries-Johnson fight, believes that Johnson will be an easy winner. "Jeffries was a world beater in his prime," said Gans, "but, like myself, he can never come back. Johnson is the cleverest big man in the world. He is more scientific than Jim Corbett and is a harder hitter. He will tire Jeffries out and will be the winner in less than twenty-five rounds.

JEFF'S FRIENDS FEARING FOR HIM

Two Old-Timers Think that Johnson Has Shade on White Man.

A friend of Jim Jeffries in Omaha, Neb., who knows the big fellow's habits and mode of living, makes the following statement regarding his chances to defeat Johnson:

"There is no man who admires Jeffries more than I, so that I do not want to be accused of knocking. But, really, I feel convinced that if Jeffries and Johnson meet in the ring the Negro will win."

Harry Tuthill, trainer for the Tigers, isn't very enthusiastic over Jeff's chances with Johnson, and declares that Jeff will be whipped if he doesn't show great improvement over the condition he was in when he boxed six little rounds with Berger at Pittsburg. Tuthill was in Jeff's corner that night, and he advises Jeff to do better or be prepared to suffer the consequences. "He will find Johnson a clever, powerful and experienced boxer," said Tuthill.

JACK JOHNSON'S MOTHER GOES TO CHICAGO

Mrs. Johnson Will Take Up Permanent Residence There.

Mrs. Teney Johnson, mother of Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight of the world, went to Chicago, Ill., Tuesday morning of last week to take up permanent residence at 3344 Wabash avenue. Accompanying the mother of the champion were Miss Lucy Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Rhodes, sister and brother-in-law of Jack, and their children, Blanche, Luella, Gus, Jr., and little Arthur, or "Young Jack," who occupied a Pullman section from Kansas City, Kan., to Chicago.

Mrs. Johnson expressed herself as being very much gratified at her new surroundings, but seemed to look longingly whenever any one mentioned Galveston. She related a very pathetic incident that happened on leaving her former home. At the station the ticket agent, a playmate and former friend of "Jack," came to bid her good-bye. Showing much emotion, he said, as he shook her hand: "Mrs. Johnson, this is one hour in my life when I feel less than a man. I am forced to deny you comforts over this road which by the damnable laws of Texas I am bound or forced to obey, for I know you will be exhausted before you will reach the civilized part of our country, where you can ride like an American citizen should. Tell Jack I am proud of him, and am glad he is able to get you out of here and where you may enjoy life, liberty and happiness."

THE BROOKLYN ROYAL GIANTS ARE CHAMPIONS, SO SAYS NAT C. STRONG.

Sporting Editor THE FREEMAN:

Dear Sir—In reference to the dispute betwten the East and West for the colored baseball championship, would say that the Cuban X Giants held that title for several seasons until the Philadelphia Giants played them a series of games and won the title from the Cuban X Giants, and the Philadelphia Giants have defended the title in both the East and the West since holding the same; in the West the Lelands in 1908 failed to win the title from the Philadelphia Giants, but in the East the Brooklyn Royal Giants won the series from the Phillies as well as the championship. The past season the Phillies went West, and at the Elks convention defeated the Lelands in the series of three games which were played, and after coming East were again defeated by the Brooklyn Royal Giants for the championship, which again made the Brooklyn Royal Giants the colored champions for 1909; and with this explanation there should be no trouble in showing what team are the real "colored champions" for both 1908 and 1909.

Because Andre Foster, Booker, Moore, Paine, George Wright and Harris lifet the Eastern clubs and went West, and most of them having played with the Philadelphia Giants, that did not take the championship West with them, as the season they left (1907) the Philadelphia Giants again won the colored championship in the East, and with the strong team the Lelands claimed to have in 1908 they could not wrest the laurels from the champion Philadelphia Giants, who went West purposely to meet the Lelands, even though the series may not have been advertised as a championship series, and the same this season, when the Phillies struck Chicago and the Lelands refused to meet the Easterners, feeling that the defeats received at the hands of the latter at Detroit were sufficient, and it appears to me that when a team from the East journeys as far as Detroit or Chicago to meet their opponents, it is certainly a championship series, if anything, and I claim that the Lelands never hay any claim to the world's colored championship, which title is now held by the Brooklyn Royal Giants, who are willing and ready to defend it at all times, especially in the East, where the usual colored championship series will be played during the season of 1910.

Trusting you will give the above space, I am,

Sincerely,

NAT C. STRONG,

Business Manager National Association of Colored Professional Clubs of the United States and Cuba,

New York City.

WINTER BASEBALL AT PALM BEACH

Rube Foster Is to Have a First-Class Club in Florida.

By HARRY DANIELS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW YORK, December 17.—It has been finally decided by the controllers of baseball in Palm Beach, Florida, to have only two teams instead of three this season, one the Breakers, managed by Harry E. Buckner and Dannie MacCellan, and the Royal Pionciana, managed by the most noted colored player of the present day, Andrew Rube Foster. After considerable effort Buckner, known as "Iron Man Buck," has signed the following players: Bradley and James, catchers; Earl Thomas, Buckner, Bowman and MacCellan, pitchers; Al Robinson, whom there was more trouble in signing than all the other players, as Foster was after his services; also Monroe, the great comedian of baseball, Munyon and Francis will be the infielders; Dunbar, Brown and Braggs, outfielders. Foster's Pionciana team so far as signed are Booker, of the Lelands; Pettis, of Kansas City, catchers; Dougherty, Morman and Foster, of the Lelands, Gatewood of the Keystones and "Steel Arm" John Taylor, the sensation of the past season in the middle West, of the St. Paul Gophers, pitchers; Bobby Marshall of the Gophers, Harris of the Lelands, Hutchinson, the coast wonder, and Pryor of the Chicago Unions, infielders, and Rebel Duncan, of the Philadelphia Giants, Payne and Barton, of the Lelands, outfielders. These are about the two best teams ever played in Palm Beach.

All plans are complete between the owners of grounds in and around New York City to form an eight-club league, composed of the following clubs: Ridgewood, Hoboken, Bronx, Oval A. A., Long Island City and New Brunswick, the home teams, and the Philadelphia and Royal Giants and Cuban Stars as vnsiting teams. As to how many games are to be played in the league, that will come up at the next meeting.

The Pittsburg Giants of New York City will tour through the middle West next season, booked by Nat C. Strong. The team will be under the management of Harry A. Smith, formerly with the Philadelphia, Royal and Cuban X Giants teams.

NO BASEBALL WAR IN CHICAGO.

Major General Jackson Answers David Wyatt's Argument.

CHICAGO, December 6, 1909.

In your issue of November the 26th I read a very generous article concerning the makeup and players of Frank Leland's Chicago Giants baseball club, and for which accept my thanks.

In your issue of December the 4th I observe that one David Wyatt, a "has been," who has outlived his usefulness as a ball player, has attempted to discuss the baseball situation in Chicago. Mr. Wyatt at one time posted bill and was the official score keeper for the Leland Giants under Frank C. Leland's management. He was an expert in that line of business, and now attempts to occupy the ridiculous position of discussing financial matters among baseball men in Chicago who put up thousands of dollars to make the Leland Giants great. Mr. Wyatt is unfamiliar with the situation, and does not really know the inside facts that cause the organization of Leland's present team.

Now, I want to tell you in advance and inform the base ball world that there is no war in Chicago among baseball men, and again, the statement by Mr. Wyatt that public opinion is against the formation of a new club in Chicago is entirely untrue, and can not be proven by any one but Mr. Wyatt, who has essayed to wrte articles for reasons best known to himself. The real truth of the situation is that a preponderance of public sentiment and a vast majority of the baseball fans are on Frank Leland's side. Mr. Leland is the "father" of baseball in Chicagi, is honest, eminently fair, and a man who accords everybody a square deal. He was forced out of the Association, and, like any other man would have done, set out to organize a first-class ball club and to regain the prestige in the baseball world that he had honestly and conscientiously earned and established during the past fifteen years. It was Frank Leland who brought the "mighty Rube Foster" to Chicago, and not the Association, as Mr. Wyatt would have people believe. It was Leland's name that made the team great, in addition to the wonderful playing of the team under his management, and let us not forget that Mr. Leland did all of the booking and pulled off many star contests during his management. It is certainly a joke for any intelligent man to publish the fact that petty jealousy is seen. There is absolutely no jealousy whatever, and there will be none. The question of running a baseball team in Chicago is a business proposition in which Mr. Wyatt can hardly enter, for the reason that it requires money to operate, and you would hardly find a score keeper a member of a corporation.

The game will not be hurt in Chicago, as prophesied by the gentleman in question. Let us see if this is true. Mr. Leland's team has been recognized by the Park Owners' Association and the Inner-City Association. His team has secured the City League franchise, and will play in the League at the Auburn Park grounds during the season of 1910. The entire city press is with Mr. Leland, and four weeks ago caused to be published an article giving the personnel of his team and the players he has secured, and as I have visited two meetings of the City League, I am at a loss to understand where Mr. Wyatt gets his information that some of the oldest and most influential baseball men in the white associations think there is a war in Negro baseball; to the contrary, however, I found the sentiment among the gentlemen in question to be in favor of Leland, and it is proven by the fact that Mr. Leland has been recognized and accorded the place in the City League. There is no salary war in evidence, and the salary roll of Leland's Chicago Giants will not be any greater than it was a year ago. The difference, however, is this: that all players under contract with the Chicago Giants will receive good salaries in proportion, and not one man receive twice as much as any other man on the team. It is easier and much better to pay each man $10 more for his services than to pay $200 per month to one man when other men on the team are playing just as good ball and are just as popular in the public eye. The salary roll of Leland's team will not be any greater than the salary roll of the Leland Giants.

I publish this fact for the reason that I made the contracts with the players, and, holding stock in the Leland Giants Association, am in a position to know whereof I speak. If this question is a matter of judgment in which the public is to take a hand, I will now name the players of the Leland Giants who won the championship and where they will play next year.

The following players will be found in Leland's Chicago Giants uniforms next year: Harry Moore, Walter Ball, Billy Norman, George Wright, Danger Talbert, Chappie Johnson, Joe Green and Bobbie Winston.

In Leland Giants uniforms: Harry Booker, Strauthers, Pat Doherty, Pete Hill, Payne and Foster.

Leland has added to his list of players the following: Pettus, the celebrated catcher and hitter of the Kansas City Giants, who caught Babe Adams, the star pitcher of the Pittsburg team; Wallace, the unequaled and talented second baseman of the St. Paul Gophers; "Steel Arm" Johnnie Taylor, the South's crack pitcher; Jim Taylor, the star third baseman of the St. Paul Gophers, and Pangborn, the invincible southpaw of the Altoona and Buxton, Iowa, team. Two more players of world-wide reputation are to be added, whose names can not be given to the public at this time.

Now, after going over this list of players, and Mr. Leland having secured a majority of the champions and secured the League franchise, does there appear any evidence of war?

Mr. Foster has stated publicly that the Leland Giants will travel, and that they will play independent ball in Chicago. The deduction of this statement is simply this: By playing independent ball the Leland Giants' new team will not occupy the position of fighting Frank Leland's team, and Leland's team, being in the League, can not be construed as fighting Mr. Foster's team. Where is the war?

In conclusion, I beg to say that I seldom answer articles in newspapers, but felt compelled to reply to the article furnished by Mr. David Wyatt, for the reason that he attempted to discuss a situation that he does not know the inside facts of.

I trust you will pardon this lengthy reply, but knowing that THE FREEMAN is fair and willing to have the truth of all questions published in its columns, I contribute this article for the enlightenment of the baseball world. I can not use the designation "Negro baseball world," for the reason that I have long since stopped parading the fact that I am a Negro, and am new competing in the baseball world as a man, and not as a Negro.

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Don't fail to hear Richard B. Harrison, Wednesday night. Admission 25 cents.

Mr. Luther Dawson, of Duluth, Minn., is shaking hands with old friends this week.

Alfred Rivers, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, but now of Chicago, is in the city for a short stay.

"I am willing to leave the dramatic future of the Negro to Richard B. Harrison," said Frederick Douglass.

Mrs. William Sutton and Masters Walter and Harry Scott are visting Mrs. W. E. Baird, 101 North Fayette street.

The Men's Club of St. Philips Episcopal Church will entertain with a holiday promenade at Tomlinson Hall, Monday night, January 3.

Mr. W. A. Savage, formerly of this city, but now located at Butte, Mont., was in the city this week, en route to Hamilton, Ohio.

Mrs. Charles Hart, of New York City, and Miss Ida Bluford, of the "Red Moon" Company, are spending the week with Mrs. Mary Lawson.

Prepare to close the festivities of the holidays by attending the grand promenade at Tomlinson Hall, Monday night, January 3.

Do not forget to secure a copy of the great Christmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman, which will be out December 25th.

All persons desiring news items to appear in THE FREEMAN will call New Phone 2880, this office, or send in same by mail not later than Wednesday, at 6 p. m.

Richard B. Harrison, the celebrated reader in Shakesperian-Dunbar selections, will appear at Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion Church, December 22, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Walter Smith was hostess to the Magnolia Club Thursday afternoon. A two-course lunch was served. The hostess was presented a beautiful club souvenir.

Mrs. Millie Alexander, Indianapolis' most popular hair dresser, masseur and manicurist, of 223 Indiana avenue, has just returned to her post of duty from a three weeks' visit to Minneapolis, Minn., where she both visited her daughter and took an advanced course in her profession. She is now ready to give her many patrons the benefit of the new styles and the advanced methods of massaging and hair dressing learned while away.

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Mr. Leon Davidson returned home from Hamilton, Ohio, Friday of last week, where he had been called on account of the death of his sister, Malissa Davidson. The remains were buried in the family lot at Hamilton, Ohio. Rev. J. B. Singleton, of the A. M. E. Church, conducted the services. He accompanied the body from Detroit to Hamilton. Miss Davidson was a member of Queen Esther Court of Calanthe, No. 264, Daughters of Charity and Eastern Star, of this city. She leaves two brothers, one sister, relatives and a host of friends.

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As Christmas time approaches interest is becoming more general all over the State in the now celebrated Rest Easy Bed Springs, of which much has been said in the columns of this paper. As an added value to the already perfectly constructed springs, the manufacturers are now putting in bronzed copper wire instead of the black springs, which lends a richness of beauty and finish that the springs did not possess before. The price of these springs is placed in the reach of all, and they are sold by all dealers for $15. As we have said before, there is nothing in modern bed springs that comes anyways near the Rest Easy. To be appreciated they must be seen. If you are in need of a pair of bed springs, be sure and ask your dealer for the Rest Easy. A demonstration of their worth will be cheerfully given to all who ask. As a Christmas present you could think of nothing more sensible to present your wife.

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Bishop G. L. Blackwell passed through the city last Monday en route to Philadelphia. He held a short conference with the A. M. E. Zion pastors and seemed pleased with the general condition of the work.

The coming of Richard B. Harrison to our church next Wednesday evening, December 22, will give the classic public the finest entertainment in the recital of Shakespear and Dunbar productions that will be in their privilege to enjoy this season.

The pastor's subject Sunday morning will be "The Pearl of Great Price." In the evening, "Lessons from the Life of Benjamin Stout."

Sunday School 12:45. Christian Endeavor, 6:30.

Special programs are being prepared for Christmas and New Years Sunday evenings.

Wayman Chapel will hold a Christmas bazaar at the church December 21, 22 and 23. A program will also be given each night, and the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club will give their assistance. Rev. Collman, pastor.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Two strong attractions are booked for the "Monster Meeting" for next Sunday, December 19—Dr. B. J. Prince as speaker, and the choir of the Second Baptist Church.

Dr. B. J. Prince is a native of Columbus, Ohio, but has lived in Texas, where he received his education and where he also held some very responsible and important offices in connection with the church in that State, and also in the national body. He has also pastored the St. Johns Church, of Springfield, and Shilon, of Cleveland. As a pulpit orator he has few superiors. His subject will be "Confessing Christ," and he is expected to present some forceful argument on this much discussed subject.

The Second Baptist Church choir, who will accompany Dr. Prince on this occasion, and who will be directed by Prof. R. Austin, will render two selections, "Zion Awake" and "Daughters of Zion." This choir is one of the best colored choirs in the city, and under the direction of Prof. Austin has accomplished great things. The men are urged to be at the church promptly at 3 p. m. if they desire to hear these special numbers. The Glee Club, composed of young men of the Association, will render "The Savior Calls." This number was written for the Cincinnati, Ohio, Y. M. C. A., and is a very beautiful selection, with duet and solo parts. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. A. A. Taylor, will render several selections between the singing numbers. All men are invited and will be made welcome. Three o'clock is the time. Jones Tabernacle, West North and Blackford streets, is the place.

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Following are her numbers, which were artistically given, and which brought forth round after round of applause.

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"If I Built a World for You"	Lehman
"Cuckoo"	Lehman
"To My First Love"	Lohr
"Little Irish Girl"	Lohr
"Pleurez Mes Yeux"	Massenet
"Spring"	Henschel
"Flower Song"	Bevigniani
"Unless"	Carriciola
"A Story"	Rogers

After the first group of songs Mrs. Hackley gave a short talk on her efforts through her foreign scholarship project in behalf of aspiring young colored musicians in this country. Mrs. Alberta J. Grubbs, piano soloist; Mrs. Virginia Harvey Taylor, reader; N. Kincaid, Aldridge Lewis and Horace Thompson were the local assistants; Professor Samuel Ratliffe, accompanist, and W. R. Valentine, master of ceremonies.

The people should be very grateful to Mrs. Lillian Thos. Fox, under whose auspices she appeared in Indianapolis. Mme. Hackley is a sweet singer and appeared to be at her best while here. Her voice was smooth and modulation fine. Mme. Hackley speaks of retiring from the stage next year, and when she does the race will lose one of its foremost singers.

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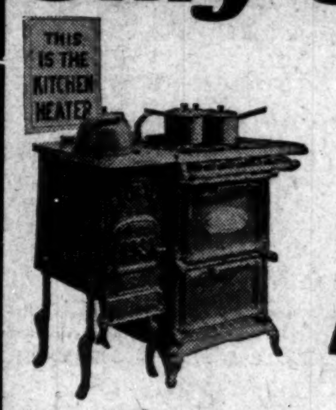
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